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NOTIFICATION

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| 1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved: |
| 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry |
| 3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Dogs and cats from certain countries recognised as rabies free |
| 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Australia, United Kingdom, Eire, Norway, Sweden, Singapore & Hawaii |
| 5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Import health standard for the importation of dogs and cats into New Zealand from the United Kingdom. (English) – 16 pages. Import health standard for the importation of dogs and cats into New Zealand from Australia. (English) – 13 pages. Import health standard for the importation of dogs and cats into New Zealand from the Republic of Ireland. (English) – 16 pages. Import health standard for the importation of dogs and cats into New Zealand from Hawaii. (English) – 15 pages. Import health standard for the importation of dogs and cats into New Zealand from Sweden. (English) – 14 pages. Import health standard for the importation of dogs and cats into New Zealand from Singapore. (English) – 16 pages. Import health standard for the importation of dogs and cats into New Zealand from Norway. (English) – 13 pages. |
| 6. Description of content: <p>Tick inspections at the border on dogs and cats from rabies free countries have been under review. There have been an increased number of tick interceptions recently and a recognised need to ensure that all animals are being inspected. Fractious animals have previously been exempt from inspection</p> <p>Additional measures have been included in the clearance section to allow for the inspection of fractious animals in a transitional facility. The option of having associated bedding treated has been removed and toys and garments have been added to bedding as associated goods that must also be destroyed.</p> <p>The endoparasite treatment clause in Veterinary Certificate A has been amended to ensure that the animal receives two treatments, at least 14 day apart in the 30 days before departure.</p> |

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| <p>7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests</p> |
| <p>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</p> |
| <p>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Import health standard for dogs and cats from Australia Import health standard for dogs and cats from the United Kingdom Import health standard for dogs and cats from Norway Import health standard for dogs and cats from the Republic of Ireland Import health standard for dogs and cats from Sweden Import health standard for dogs and cats from Hawaii Import health standard for dogs and cats from Singapore</p> |
| <p>10. Proposed date of adoption: 17 September 2007</p> |
| <p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: 17 September 2007</p> |
| <p>12. Final date for comments: 16 November 2007</p> |
| <p>13. Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Ms Sally Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +64 4 894 0431; Fax: +64 4 894 0731; E-mail: sps@maf.govt.nz Website: www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</p> |