

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

G/SPS/N/NZL/384

Date of distribution

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

NOTIFICATION

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): <i>Miscanthus</i> spp. (Poaceae) plants <i>in vitro</i>
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: United Kingdom; United States of America.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Draft import health standard for <i>Miscanthus</i> spp. plants <i>in vitro</i> from the United Kingdom and the United States of America. 20 September 2007 (available in English, 4 pages)
6.	Description of content: This import health standard identifies proposed phytosanitary measures for the importation into New Zealand of <i>Miscanthus</i> spp. (Poaceae) plants <i>in vitro</i> from the United Kingdom and the United States of America.
7.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), [] International Plant Protection Convention, [X] None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: English.
10.	Proposed date of adoption: 16 November 2007
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: 16 November 2007
12.	Final date for comments: 2 November 2007 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Vivian Dalley, Border Standards Group, Biosecurity New

Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand; Tel: +64 4 894 0832; Fax: +64 6 894 0662; E-mail: vivian.dalley@maf.govt.nz

- 13. Texts available from: [X] National notification authority, [] 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

Websites:

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm>

Draft import health standard schedule:

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/strategy-and-consultation/consultation/ihs#plants>

Draft risk analysis:

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/strategy-and-consultation/consultation/risk-analysis>