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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)
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): Equipment associated with animals or water
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Import health standard for equipment associated with animals or water (8 pages in English)
6. Description of content: This is the amended import health standard allowing the importation into New Zealand of equipment associated with animals or water. The standard has been amended to include the national measures for fresh water equipment against Didymo. Further amendments have been made to mitigate the risks of marine diseases (such as Abalone Viral Ganglioneuritis), Foot and Mouth disease and Equine and Avian influenza.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Prevent the further spread of Didymo through New Zealand Mitigate the risks of introducing Foot and Mouth Disease virus Mitigate the risks of introducing Equine and Avian Influenza virus
9. 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:
10. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None

11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 15 October 2007

12. Texts available from: **National notification authority,** **National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:** Sally Griffin, Biosecurity Co-ordination- International, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, 101-103 The Terrace, Wellington, New Zealand. Ph: +64 4 474 4140 Fax: +64 4 470 2730 E-mail: sps@maf.govt.nz

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