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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): pig meat, pig meat products, pig by-products
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Canada, EEC, Mexico, USA
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Import Health Standard for Pig meat for Human Consumption from the European Community. (English) – 12 pages. Import Health Standard for pig meat and pig meat products for Human Consumption from The Sonora State Of Mexico. (English) – 10 pages. Import Health Standard for Pig Meat and Pig Meat Products for Human Consumption from Canada and/or the United States of America. (English) – 10 pages. Import Health Standard for Pig By-products from Canada and/or the United States of America. (English) – 10 pages.
6. Description of content: Existing import health standards for pig meat and pig meat products from Canada, the European Community, Mexico and the United States of America have been consolidated; updated and optional measures for porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome have been added. These optional measures allow for ready to cook, high value cuts to be given biosecurity clearance on arrival, and for pig meat to be directed to officially approved facilities to be further processed into ready to cook high value cuts. These new optional measures are based on an import risk analysis Existing import health standards for pig by-products from Canada and the United States of America have been consolidated and updated. No additional options for managing risk have been added to the import health standard for pig by-products as these products could not meet the definition of high value cuts. The draft import health standard for pig meat for human consumption from the European Union replaces the following two IHSs: - The IHS for pig meat for human consumption from the European Community last issued in 2004 - The IHS for pig meat products for human consumption from Finland or Sweden

last issued in 2005.

The draft IHS pig meat and pig meat products for human consumption from the Sonora state of Mexico replace the following two IHSs:

- The IHS for unprocessed pig meat products for human consumption from Mexico (State Of Sonora) last issued in 2001
- The IHS for processed pig meat products for human consumption from Mexico (State Of Sonora) last issued in 2001.

The draft IHS for pig meat and pig meat products for human consumption from Canada and the United States of America replaces the following four IHSs:

- The IHS for processed pig meat products for human consumption from Canada last issued in 2001
- The IHS for unprocessed pig meat products for human consumption from Canada last issued in 2001
- The IHS for processed pig meat products for human consumption from the United States of America last issued in 2001
- The IHS for unprocessed pig meat products for human consumption from the United States of America last issued in 2006.

The draft IHS for pig by-products from Canada and the United States of America replaces the following two IHSs:

- The IHS for frozen pig by-products from Canada and the United States of America last issued in 2001
- The IHS for dried bovine/porcine blood for human consumption from Canada and the United States of America last issued in June 2006.

7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [] 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, [] Office International des Epizooties, [] International Plant Protection Convention, [] 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: These changes are based on a MAF Biosecurity New Zealand risk analysis on PRRS virus in pig meat was released for public consultation on 25 July 2006 and submissions closed on 15 September 2006, although extensions for late submissions were granted to 9 October 2006. A review of submissions was published on 11 June 2007.

The risk analysis, review of submissions and draft import health standards are available on the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand website:

- <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/pests-diseases/animals/risk/prrs-risk-analysis.pdf>
- <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/strategy/consultation/risk-analysis-prrs-review-of-submissions.pdf>
- <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/strategy-and-consultation/consultation/pig-meat-ihs>

10. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined after consultation has closed.

11. Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined after consultation has closed.

12. Final date for comments: 18 February 2006

13. Texts available from: **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.
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