

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## NOTIFICATION

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
<b>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):</b> Dogs and cats from the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Import health standard for the importation of dogs and cats into New Zealand from the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. (English) – 16 pages.
<b>6. Description of content:</b> <p>The Republic of Ireland has been added to the import health standard for dogs and cats from the United Kingdom to ensure consistency between the health measures for both countries.</p> <p>The import health standard for dogs and cats from the Republic of Ireland does not include health measures for heartworm or Ehrlichia canis, despite having an open border with the UK (from which we require tests for both).</p> <p>The Irish government has confirmed that they are no longer comfortable signing out country freedom for heartworm or Ehrlichia canis and therefore testing is required to mitigate any potential risk from dogs from the Republic of Ireland.</p> <p>We have also added a requirement that the animal's pet passport (if it exists) must be sighted to confirm that the animal has only been in the UK and/or the Republic of Ireland for the 6 months prior to export.</p>
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> [ ] food safety, [X] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests
<b>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> [ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [X] 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:**

Import health standard for dogs and cats from the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

**10. Proposed date of adoption:** 16 November 2007

**11. Proposed date of entry into force:** 16 November 2007

**12. Final date for comments:** 15 January 2007

**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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