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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
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): Marine fisheries products for human consumption
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 Marine Fisheries Products For Human Consumption From All Countries. (English) - 4 pages
6. Description of content: This is the amended import health standard allowing the importation into New Zealand of Marine fisheries products for human consumption from all countries. Marine fisheries products include: - Marine finfish - <i>Mollusca</i> (oysters, mussels and other shellfish) and - <i>Crustacea</i> (crabs, lobsters, prawns, shrimps) This import health standard has been amended to allow the importation of dried anchovies and dried anchovy like fish without being identifiable as being of marine origin and to put additional measures in place for <i>Haliotis</i> (abalone) to mitigate the risk that Abalone Virus Ganglioneuritis might be introduced to New Zealand through this pathway.
7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] 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, [] Office International des Epizooties, [] 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: None
10. Proposed date of adoption: 20 November 2007

11. Proposed date of entry into force: 20 November 2007

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