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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): Specified animal products for human consumption
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment of the Import health standard for the importation of Specified foods for human consumption into New Zealand from all countries (English) – 14 pages.
6.	Description of content: The standard has been amended after non conformances highlighted that meat products were being imported that were canned but not retorted and therefore the risk was not mitigated. The definition of retorted has been alter to reflect outcome, “commercially sterile” has been removed and “render any infectious material of a biosecurity concern inactivated” has been added. The following clauses have been amended: <u>Clause 7.1</u> Canned/retorted animal products, <u>Clause 7.2</u> (meat based stocks, flavourings etc), <u>Clause 7.3</u> (meat and meat products), <u>Clause 7.9</u> (Shelf stable Dairy products), <u>Clause 7.15</u> (Mooncakes), <u>Clause 7.21 and 7.22</u> (less than 5% meat, dairy and/or egg) and <u>Section C</u> Time temperature parameters.
7.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Recent importation of untreated products and products not correctly treated exposing New Zealand to significant and immediate biosecurity risk.
9.	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:
10.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None

11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 16 May 2008

12. Texts available from: **National notification authority,** **National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:** Sally Jennings, 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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