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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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 (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): Coco peat (Coir peat) and Coir fibre Products
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: Draft Import Health Standard: <i>Importation of Coco peat and Coir fibre Products</i> May 2008 (English) http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/biosec/consult/coco-peat
6. Description of content: New Zealand has distributed a draft import health standard for the importation of coco peat and coir fibre products which is now available for consultation.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input checked="" 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:
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None.
10. Proposed date of adoption: To be notified at the end of the consultation process.
11. Proposed date of entry into force: Late June/early July 2008
12. Final date for comments: 10 June 2008. Comments will be still accepted after this date. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Michele Dickson, MAF Biosecurity Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +64 4 894 0462. Fax: +64 4 894 0662. Email: Michele.dickson@maf.govt.nz
13. Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Ms Sally Jennings, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand.

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