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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

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): <i>Avena, Hordeum, Phaseolus, Triticum, Vicia</i> and <i>Zea</i> seed for sowing
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 Schedules <i>Avena, Hordeum, Phaeolus, Triticum, Vicia</i> and <i>Zea</i> seed for sowing October 2005 (English) contained within the MAF standard 155.02.05 <i>Importation of seed for sowing</i> http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/ihs/155-02-05.pdf
6.	Description of content: New Zealand has removed the requirements for seed to be sourced from a "Pest free area" or "Pest free place of production", free from <i>Wheat streak mosaic virus</i> ; removed the requirement for seed of <i>Triticum</i> to be sourced from areas free of <i>Curvularia inaequalis</i> or be treated and removed the requirement for seed to be either sourced from a "Pest free area" or "Pest free place of production" free from <i>Colletotrichum truncatum</i> or fungicide treated, due to the confirmed presence of these pests (virus and fungus) in New Zealand.
7.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [] Office International des Epizooties, [X] 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: None.
10.	Proposed date of adoption: Now. IHS dated 3 December 2007
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: IHS dated 3 December 2007, but not notified publicly until 20 May 2008.
12.	Final date for comments: 3 December 2007 (As this is a trade facilitating measure the import health schedule has been reissued)

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