

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: New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA)
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): All tariff number in chapters 1-22 of the working tariff code are included.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries/regions wishing to export food for human consumption to New Zealand
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Proposed new standards for food importers; English; 22 pages
6.	Description of content: Consultation document outlining NZFSAs proposal to introduce food standards specifically for importers under the Food Act 1981. One standard will require importers of food for human consumption to be listed with NZFSA in order for an internal database to be developed. The other proposed standard requires importers to ensure that the food they import is sourced from suppliers that have food safety systems in place, that food is kept safe through storage and transport activities and that importers hold or are able to obtain sufficient records to demonstrate the safety and suitability of the food.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input 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: Not stated
10.	Proposed date of adoption: 15 October 2008

11. Proposed date of entry into force: 15 October 2008

12. Final date for comments: 5 August 2008

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: **National notification authority,** **National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:** Hilary Eade, Programme Manager (Technical Standards -Imports) New Zealand Standards Group, New Zealand Food Safety Authority, PO Box 2835, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +64 4 894 2694; Fax +64 4 894 2643; Email hilary.eade@nzfsa.govt.nz

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