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## NOTIFICATION

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>  |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry   |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>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):</b> Boneless Sheep Meat for human consumption from the United States of America  |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b><br>USA  |
| <b>5.</b> | <b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b><br>Import health standard for the importation of boneless sheep meat for human consumption from the United States of America. (English) – 7 pages.   |
| <b>6.</b> | <b>Description of content:</b><br><br>The standard is based on the risk analysis for meat and meat products a review of the risks to animal health and the current import health standard for frozen inedible sheep/goat by-products for further processing from Canada and the USA.<br><br>Three pathogens of consequence were identified, Foot and mouth disease, rinderpest and scrapie. The nature of the product and the certification required mitigate the risk of importing infected product. |
| <b>7.</b> | <b>Objective and rationale:</b> [ ] food safety, [X] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests  |
| <b>8.</b> | <b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b><br>[ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [X] Office International des Epizooties, [ ] International Plant Protection Convention, [ ] None<br><b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>  |
| <b>9.</b> | <b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b><br>Import health standard for the importation of boneless sheep meat for human consumption  |

from the United States of America

**10. Proposed date of adoption:** 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008

**11. Proposed date of entry into force:** 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008

**12. Final date for comments:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 2008

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