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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
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): Salmonids for human consumption (genera <i>Oncorhynchus</i> , <i>Salmo</i> and <i>Salvelinus</i>).
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Chile
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Import health standard for Salmonids for human consumption into New Zealand from Specified countries. (English) – 9 pages.
6. Description of content: Inclusion of Chile into the list of specified countries in the import health standard An equivalent measure to the requirement for a health surveillance programme has been included . “Infectious haematopoietic necrosis virus (IHNV) and viral haemorrhagic septicaemia virus (VHSV) are diseases that must be notified to the Competent Authority.
7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [X] Office International des Epizooties, [] 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: Import health standard for Salmonids for human consumption into New Zealand from Specified countries. (English) 9 pages
10. Proposed date of adoption: 31 August 2008

11. Proposed date of entry into force: 31 August 2008

12. Final date for comments: The amendment facilitates trade and we are happy to receive any comments members may have.

13. Texts available from: **National notification authority**, **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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