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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): Zoo felids
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 Standard for the importation of Zoo Felidae into New Zealand. (English) – 13 pages.
6.	Description of content: The standard has been amended to minimise the risk of rabies from imported zoo felidae. Additional rabies antibody testing requirements have been added as well as the possibility of increased post arrival quarantine if the animal is from a rabies infected country.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" 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: Import Health Standard for the importation of Zoo Felidae into New Zealand - English
10.	Proposed date of adoption: 4 July 2008
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: 25 July 2008
12.	Final date for comments: 2 September 2008
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. Tel: +64 4 894 0431; Fax: +64 4 894 0731; E-mail: sps@maf.govt.nz Website: www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm