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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: 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): Products under tariff codes 04.01 - 04.06
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries producing raw milk products wanting to export to New Zealand and countries that may import product from New Zealand.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Discussion document on proposed framework for the manufacture, importation and sale of raw milk products (English 49 pages).
6. Description of content: Consultation document proposing a framework to categorise raw milk products according to risk in order to facilitate the manufacture and domestic sale or export of approved raw milk products in New Zealand and the import of equivalent products. Products would be placed into one of 3 categories according to the risk posed to human health and appropriate measures applied if necessary to ensure public health is not compromised. If progressed, there will be a second round of consultation on the detail required to implement the framework.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" 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: The framework takes into account Codex Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products.
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Discussion document. English
10. Proposed date of adoption: A decision is expected to be taken on whether to advance the framework by late 2008. If progressed, a second round of consultation on the details of the framework is planned for early 2009.

11. Proposed date of entry into force: See above. N/A
12. Final date for comments: 30 September 2008 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Hilary Eade, Programme Manager, Technical Standards and Systems, PO Box 2835, Wellington, NZ. ph+64 4 894 2694, fax +64 4 894 2643, email: hilary.eade@nzfsa.govt.nz
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