

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

## NOTIFICATION

<b>1.</b>	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> <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>  Miscellaneous products made up of plant material that are used as fertilisers and growing media
<b>4.</b>	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners, or <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5.</b>	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Import Health Standard: Fertilisers and Growing Media of Plant Origins  <b>Language:</b> English  <b>Number of pages:</b> 10
<b>6.</b>	<b>Description of content:</b> New Zealand has distributed a draft import health standard for the importation of fertilisers and growing media products of plant origins which is now available for consultation.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission ( <i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) ( <i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention ( <i>e.g. ISPM N*</i> )

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> None</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 March 2009</p> <p><b>Propose date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 March 2009</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 March 2009</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</p> <p>2 February 2009. Comments will be still accepted after this date.</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p>
<p><b>13. Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm">http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</a></p>