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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> NEW ZEALAND <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
3.	<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> Cervine semen and embryos.
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: :</b> Great Britain
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Import health standard for cervine semen from Great Britain Import health standard for cervine embryos from Great Britain
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The standard has been amended to allow for importation based on the change in status of Great Britain from a bluetongue free country to a country in which bluetongue does occur. Required methodology for Q fever testing has been changed to CFT (complement fixation test) rather than an option for enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) or CFT.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health <input 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
8.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> Bluetongue outbreaks in Great Britain.
9.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission [e.g., title or serial number of Codex standard or related text] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) [e.g., Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number] <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention [e.g., ISPM N°] <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>

<b>10.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 21 April 2009</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
<b>12.</b>	<b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> Marguerite Hernandez, Border Standards Directorate, MAF Biosecurity New Zealand, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand Fax: +64 4 894 0733 Email: marguerite.hernandez@maf.govt.nz
<b>13.</b>	<b>Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> Mrs Sally Jennings, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +64 4 894 0431; Fax: +64 4 894 0733 <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm">http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</a>