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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) Biosecurity NZ
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): Coconut (<i>Cocos nuciferas</i>).
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Tuvalu.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Import Health Standard Commodity Sub-class: Fresh Fruit/Vegetables; Coconut (<i>Cocos nuciferas</i>). (English) (15 pages).
6. Description of content: New Zealand has developed an import health standard and accompanying datasheets for fresh Tahitian lime fruit from Samoa which is now available for consultation. These documents are now available at http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/biosec/consult
7. Objective and rationale: <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
8. Is there a relevant standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission [(e.g., title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)] <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) [(e.g., Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention [(e.g., ISPM N°)] <input type="checkbox"/> None
9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None.
10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 31 July 2009 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 31 July 2009

11. Proposed date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy): Six months from date of publication and/or [DATE: 31 July 2009]
 Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification or [DATE: dd/mm/yy] As the implementation of this import health standard is trade-facilitating it is anticipated that the import health standard will be issued at the time of this notification. However, comments can still be made and the import health standard will be amended if necessary.

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