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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 1. | Notifying Member: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved: |
| 2. | Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Biosecurity New Zealand |
| 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): Fresh Pears (<i>Pyrus bretschneideri</i> , <i>Pyrus sp. nr. communis</i> and <i>Pyrus pyrifolia</i>) |
| 4. | Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners, or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: China |
| 5. | Title of the notified document: Draft Import Health Standard Commodity Sub-class: Fresh Fruit/Vegetables; Pears (<i>Pyrus bretschneideri</i> , <i>Pyrus sp. nr. communis</i> and <i>Pyrus pyrifolia</i>) from the People's Republic of China Language: English Number of pages: 17 |
| 6. | Description of content: New Zealand has developed a draft import health standard for Pears from China which is now available for consultation. This document is 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 international standard? If so, identify the standard: <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM N°</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None

10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 30/10/09

Propose date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 30/10/09

11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30/10/09

[X] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (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.

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. **Address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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