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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Revision

1.	Notifying Member: New Zealand 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): Horses
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners, or <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Draft import health standard for horses Language: English Number of pages: 15
6.	Description of content: The import health standard for horses recommends import requirements to manage risk organisms associated with the import of horses into New Zealand from all potential exporting countries. This is a new format MAF are using to develop import health standards. The veterinary certificates will be re-negotiated with currently approved countries to import horses into New Zealand. Current approved countries include the USA, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, the European Union member states and Japan. The changes recommended in the import health standard are reflective of scientific and technical advances over the last eleven years since New Zealand's <i>Import Risk Analysis: Horses and Horse Semen</i> was written in 2000. Changes to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code (Code) during this time means that current import health standard measures required revising. A draft risk management proposal is also available during the public consultation period. This document explains in some detail how the options proposed in the new import health standard were chosen.

7. **Objective and rationale:** food safety, animal health, plant protection, protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, protect territory from other damage from pests.

8. **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**

Codex Alimentarius Commission (*e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text*)

World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (*e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number*)

International Plant Protection Convention (*e.g. ISPM N°*)

None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

Yes No

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

The following diseases have risk mitigation measures that exceed the OIE Code recommendations for the import of horses: equine influenza, and equine infectious anaemia.

The following diseases have risk mitigation measures included in the standard and these diseases are not OIE listed including: Borna disease (premise freedom), epizootic lymphangitis, equine encephalosis, equine salmonellosis, surra, Hendra and Nipah virus.

Measures for West Nile fever were also included for horse imports. West Nile fever is an OIE listed disease, but the OIE does not make recommendation for measures to be applied to horse imports.

9. **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**

1. Risk Management Proposal: Horses (English; 21 pages)
2. Guidance Document: Horse Import Health Standard (English; 14 pages)
3. Guidance Document: Live animals (English; 4 pages)

10. **Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):** 30th June 2011

Propose date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 30th June 2011

11. **Proposed date of entry into force:** Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Allowing for negotiation of approved country veterinary certificates, with trade still occurring under the current standards. The standard once entered into force will replace the following horse import health standards:

horaniic.aus	Importing Horses from Australia	6 January 2009
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horaniic.can	Importing Horses from Canada	1 October 2007
horaniic.eu	Importing Horses from the European Union	1 October 2007
horaniic.hk	Importing Horses from Hong Kong	1 October 2007
horaniic.jp	Importing Horses from Japan	1 October 2007
horaniic.usa	Importing Horses from the USA	12 May 2008

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12. Final date for comments: Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1st June 2011

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13. Texts available from: National Notification Authority, National Enquiry Point. **Address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:** Sally Jennings, Adviser, International Organisations, International Policy, Biosecurity New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand, Fax +64 4 819 0662 Email: Sally.Jennings@maf.govt.nz