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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
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): Seeds
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [specific regions or countries] or [X] all trading partners
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Import Health Standard for Seed for Sowing, English: 158 pages Risk Management Proposal: Measures to manage chestnut blight fungus in seeds imported for sowing, English: 28 pages
6.	Description of content: Proposed amendments to the MAF IHS Seed for Sowing standard, schedules for Acer, Carpinus, Castanea, Quercus and Carya ovata, to manage the potential for imported seed of these species to introduce the fungal pathogen <i>Cryphonectria parasitica</i> (chestnut blight)., and the development of a new schedule for Eucalyptus seed to manage the potential introduction of the fungal pathogens <i>Cryphonectria parasitica</i> and <i>Puccinia psidii/Uredo rangelli</i> (Guava/myrtle rust).
7.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety [] animal health [X] 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)] [X] International Plant Protection Convention [(e.g., ISPM N°)] ISPM No: 10, ISPM No: 4, ISPM No: 22 [] None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? [X] Yes [] 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:
10.	Proposed date of adoption (31/06/11): Proposed date of publication (31/06/11):
11.	Proposed date of entry into force (31/06/11): <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication and/or [DATE: 31/06/11] <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
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