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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u>

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- **2. Agency responsible:** Ministry for Primary Industries
- 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):

Actinidia nursery stock - Includes cuttings (dormant), plants in tissue culture

- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - $[\sqrt{\ }]$ All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document:

New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

Import Health Standard 155.02.06: Importation of Nursery Stock

Language(s): English

Number of pages: 358

6. Description of content:

The import health standard (IHS) <u>155.02.06</u>: <u>Importation of Nursery Stock</u> describes the import specifications and entry conditions for all nursery stock imported into New Zealand. This notification concerns the formal suspension of the *Actinidia* schedule of the IHS.

- 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. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:

This is a notification of the emergency measures that were implemented by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) on 6 September 2013 as follows.

Pseudomonas syringae pv. actinidiae (Psa) was detected for the first time in New Zealand in 2010. At that time, MPI implemented an ongoing official control programme to manage the pathogen within New Zealand. MPI also ceased issuing import permits for Actinidia nursery stock at that time.

An urgent amendment was made to MPI's IHS 155.02.06: Importation of Nursery Stock on 6 September 2013 to formally suspend the *Actinidia* schedule of the IHS. This was done as a pest risk analysis was required to ensure that appropriate phytosanitary measures could be developed for Psa. (Also MPI's emerging risk system and hazard identification

processes identified a number of other organisms potentially associated with the importation of *Actinidia* germplasm which could require specific phytosanitary measures.)

MPI has since initiated a full pest risk analysis for *Actinidia* nursery stock (including cuttings, plants in tissue culture and pollen) according to the principles of ISPM 11, and will amend and re-issue the *Actinidia* schedule after the analysis is completed and appropriate measures developed.

9.	Is there a relevan	t international	standard? If so	, identify the standard:
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- [] 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 number) ISPM 1
- [] 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:

- 10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- 11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):

 Immediate
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
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