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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)
3.	<b>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):</b> Powdered infant formula products sold in New Zealand (both imported and domestically produced).
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> [X] all trading partners
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Proposal P1039 – Microbiological Criteria for Infant Formula (18 pages, in English).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Proposal P1039 has been prepared to consider food safety microbiological criteria for infant formula, aligning with international (Codex) standards and has prepared a draft food regulatory measure. Food Safety Criteria for <i>Salmonella</i> and <i>Cronobacter</i> spp have been included within a Schedule in the revised Code, (Schedule 27).
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> [x] food safety All proposals to change the <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> , must be assessed in the context of the following objectives: (a) the protection of public health and safety; (b) the provision of adequate information relating to food to enable consumers to make informed choices; and (c) the prevention of misleading or deceptive conduct.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> [x] <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission</b> <i>Code of Hygienic Practice for Powdered Formulae for Infants and Young Children</i> (CAC/RCP 66-2008) [ ] <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)</b> [ ] <b>International Plant Protection Convention</b> [ ] <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> [x] Yes [ ] No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>
9.	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> (English)

10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> FSANZ Board approval anticipated March 2016</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication:</b> Notification to Government anticipated March 2016 with gazettal and registration of legislative instrument to follow, in May 2016, pending Government consideration</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Date of Gazettal and registration of legislative instrument pending Government consideration (see 10. above).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <b>11 December 2015</b></p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Food Standards Australia New Zealand          PO Box 10559          Wellington 6036          NEW ZEALAND          E-mail: <a href="mailto:standards.management@foodstandards.govt.nz">standards.management@foodstandards.govt.nz</a>          Assessment summary available (in English) from FSANZ's website at  <a href="http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/proposals/Pages/P1039MicroReviewInfantFormula.aspx">http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/proposals/Pages/P1039MicroReviewInfantFormula.aspx</a></p>
13.	<p><b>Texts available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The NZ SPS Notification Point          PO Box 2526          Wellington          NEW ZEALAND          Email: <a href="mailto:newzealand.sps@mpi.govt.nz">newzealand.sps@mpi.govt.nz</a></p>