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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original:

NOTIFICATION

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):

Product: Catfish (*Pangasius* spp.) fillets from Thailand.

HS Code: 0304.32

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

Language(s): English

Number of pages: Seven

6. Description of content:

This is an amendment to the existing *Import Health Standard for Processed Tilapia and Catfish for Human Consumption* published in February, 2011 (available at: https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1777-processed-tilapia-and-catfish-for-human-consumption-from-specified-countries-import-health-standard).

Currently, the above Import Health Standard allows pangasid catfish products to be imported only from Malaysia and Vietnam. The amendment is for including Thailand, in addition to Malaysia and Vietnam, to import the commodity to New Zealand.

The draft of the amended Import Health Standard is available at: https://mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/29927

- Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] 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)
 - [X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)

- OIE AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH CODE
- [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)
- [] 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:
 - Risk Management Proposal: Pangasid Catfish Products for Human Consumption from Thailand (available at: https://mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/29930)

The document is in English.

10. Proposed date of adoption: 31 August 2018Proposed date of publication: 31 August 2018

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force:
 - [] Six months from date of publication, and/or 31 August 2018
 - [X] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments:
 - [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or

[X] 17 August 2018

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