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**ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF THE FORMAT OF IMPORT HEALTH STANDARDS (IHS)
FOR FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION**

COMMUNICATION FROM NEW ZEALAND

Addendum

The following communication, received on 3 December 2019, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of New Zealand.

Second consultation on the new format for import health standards for fresh fruits and vegetables for human consumption

1. Between 30 July and 19 August 2019, the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) consulted on a new format for import health standards (IHSs) for fresh fruits and vegetables (that is, commodity IHSs). The new format commodity IHSs state the requirements for importing a particular commodity from all countries that have been approved to export that commodity to New Zealand.

2. MPI reviewed the submissions from this consultation and as a result has revised the draft commodity IHS format. On 26 November 2019, MPI will commence a consultation to seek feedback on the revised draft commodity IHSs.

3. During this consultation, the following documents will be accessible on the MPI website at this link:

- risk management proposal (RMP);
- 121 draft commodity IHSs;
- draft guidance document for import of fresh fruits and vegetables; and
- draft guidance document for clearance of fresh fruits and vegetables.

4. MPI encourages anyone interested in exporting or importing fresh fruits and vegetable to New Zealand to:

- read the RMP which outlines the purpose and scope of this consultation;
- consider the readability of the new IHS format and the accompanying guidance documents; and
- submit feedback by 5 p.m. on 17 January 2020.

5. Please follow this link for information and relevant documents

<https://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/news-and-resources/consultations/second-consultation-on-the-new-format-for-import-health-standards-for-fresh-fruits-and-vegetables-for-human-consumption/>.

6. The transition to the new format IHSs is expected to be completed in in early 2020. If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact Latu Clark (latu.clark@mpi.govt.nz) or Preet Parmar (preet.parmar@mpi.govt.nz).
