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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 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): Apiaceae seeds for sowing
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: <u>Import Health Standard 155.02.05: Seeds for Sowing.</u>

Language(s): English Number of pages: 12

Description of content: MPI is proposing to remove the Apiaceae schedule from the Import Health Standard (IHS) 155.02.05: Seeds for Sowing; this is a trade-enabling measure.

The current Apiaceae schedule requires that all imported seed lots must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate with an additional declaration for Lso haplotypes C, D and E. The additional declaration must state that:

- a) the seeds have been sourced from a country free from Lso haplotypes C,
 D and E; or
- b) a representative sample of 10,000 seeds has been sampled and tested for this bacteria (onshore or offshore) and found free; or
- c) the seed lot has been treated with hot water at 50°C for at least 30 continuous minutes.

The above measures were introduced as provisional measures subject to review and full technical assessment within a reasonable period, as per Article 5.7 of the WTO-SPS agreement.

MPI has now completed its full technical assessment and found that new scientific evidence does not support the previous finding that Lso is seed transmitted on the Apiaceae family. As a result, MPI no longer considers Apiaceae seed to be a risk pathway for introduction of Lso.

Please email sps@mpi.govt.nz to request a copy of the targeted consultation document, should you wish to review the consultation document. 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 (ISPM number 1) [] 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: 11/06/2020 **Proposed date of publication:** 11/06/2020 11. **Proposed date of entry into force:** 11/06/2020 [X] Trade facilitating measure 12. Final date for comments: 28/05/2020 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Mrs Sally Jennings, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +64 4 894 0431; Fax: +64 4 894 0733; E-mail: sps@mpi.govt.nz Texts available from: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry 13. Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Mrs Sally Jennings, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New

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