

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): WTO Tariff number 0409, Honey
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [] All trading partners [X] Specific regions or countries: Australia
5.	Title of the notified document: Importation into New Zealand of Specified Bee Products from Australia Language(s): English Number of pages: 9
6.	Description of content The 2006 <i>Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Specified Bee Products from Australia</i> (IHS) came into force in late 2008. However, following legal challenge from the New Zealand beekeeping industry it was suspended in early 2009. The IHS was based on a risk analysis from 2004. Significant advances in scientific knowledge related to several important honeybee diseases such have been made over the past decade, particularly in regard to American Foulbrood and viral diseases such as Israeli Acute Paralysis Virus (IAPV). have been made since that time, necessitating a new import risk analysis. As a result, MPI considers that revision of the import risk analysis is warranted. MPI no longer issues IHSs based on individual countries. On 15 October 2014, the Director General of MPI made the decision to revoke the <i>Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Specified Bee Products from Australia</i> (2006), and directed MPI to undertake a further risk analysis to assess the measures required to effectively manage risks relating to importation of honey from Australia and all other countries. Current research on the thermal destruction of IAPV is taking place with results expected in late 2015. The IHS for bee products from all countries is expected to include honey when this work is concluded and scientific justification for the management of biosecurity risks associated with honey imports can be made.
7.	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:

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission CODEX STAN 12-1981, Rev.1 [1987], Rev.2 [2001])</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): 21/11/2014</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): N/A</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): 21/11/2014</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): N/A</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> 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</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> 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</p> <p>Website: http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</p>