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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Notifying Member: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: The 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): Seed for sowing – Addition of new Cucurbitaceae schedule for Cucumber green mottle mosaic virus (CGMMV) and amendment of the Zea schedule for Sugarcane mosaic virus (SCMV) and Maize chlorotic mottle virus (MCMV).
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Ministry for Primary Industries Import Health Standard 155.02.05: Importation of Seed for Sowing English 115 pages
6.	Description of content: The standard describes the import specifications and entry conditions for seed for sowing imported into New Zealand.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety <input type="checkbox"/> animal health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: To prevent the introduction into New Zealand of CGMMV on Cucurbitaceae hosts and, SCMV and MCMV on Zea seed on seed for sowing from all countries. The following pathways will now require regulation : Seed for sowing – A new schedule is created for known Cucurbitaceae hosts in order to regulate CGMMV, and the schedule for Zea is amended with new requirements for SCMV and MCMV. These viruses have been identified as emerging risks with current spread into previously disease free trading areas. These pathways must now meet the Ministry for Primary Industries requirements as specified in the relevant import health standard.
9.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission

<p>[(e.g., title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)</p> <p>[(e.g., Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention – (ISPM 02)</p> <p>[(e.g., ISPM N°)]</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>	
10.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <p>N/A</p>
11.	<p>Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 18 November 2014, full implementation from 1 December 2014</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input 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>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <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: 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@maf.govt.nz</p> <p>Website: http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</p>