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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: New Zealand If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)
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): Pig semen
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [X] All trading partners, or [] Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Import Health Standard for pig semen; Risk Management Proposal for Pig Semen Language: English Number of pages: 11 and 15
6.	Description of content: This Import Health Standard provides New Zealand's mitigation measures for a number of diseases related to pig semen. These are generic measures and bilateral veterinary certificates will be negotiated with countries that New Zealand approves importations of pig semen from. Current approved countries are Australia, Canada, European Union, Norway and the United States of America.
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: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>) [x] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>) [] International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM N°</i>) [] None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

☒ Yes ☒ No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: Some diseases have measures as per the requirements of the OIE code. Some diseases have mitigation measures that are not described by the Code or are stricter than the Code in accordance with NZ's appropriate level of protection.

9. ▪ **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**
Draft Import Risk Analysis: Pig semen from Australia, the USA, Canada, the European Union, and Norway (January 2011, English) and Draft Guidance document for Pig Semen (March 2012, English)

10. **Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):** TBC

Propose date of publication (dd/mm/yy): TBC

11. **Proposed date of entry into force:** ☐ Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): TBC

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12. **Final date for comments:** ☒ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):

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13. **Texts available from:** ☒ 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@maf.govt.nz

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