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Addendum

The following communication, received on 30 October 2012, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of [Member].

Proposed new measures for tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) seed for sowing.

The Ministry for Primary Industries consulted with the WTO from 4 May to 20 July 2012 on proposed new requirements for tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) seed for sowing, under the New Zealand import health standard (IHS), to manage the biosecurity risks of five viruses and viroids which can be transmitted by tomato seed.

The draft proposal included the requirement for a phytosanitary certificate stating that seeds had been cleaned and prepared to industry standards, and had been sourced from a Pest Free Area or Pest Free Place of Production, free from *Potato spindle tuber viroid* (PSTVd), *Pepino mosaic virus* (PepMV), *Tomato apical stunt viroid* (TASVd), *Pelargonium zonate spot virus* (PZSV) and *Tomato chlorotic dwarf viroid* (TCDVd).

Following consultation, MPI have made the following changes to requirements. PZSV and TASVd are no longer included as quarantine pests. They may be included in the IHS in future, once internationally validated testing methods become available. The requirements for PSTVd, PepMV and TCDVd will be phased in over the next two years, with:

1. measures for PSTVd and PepMV will be mandatory from 1 July 2013, and
2. measures for TCDVd will be mandatory from 1 September 2014

Phytosanitary certification is required, with additional declarations for seed cleaning and preparation to industry standards and either Pest Free Area, Pest Free Place of Production, or Seed Testing for each of the regulated quarantine pests as they come into force.

The new IHS is dated 19 October 2012, and can be found at the following website:
<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/imports/plants/seeds>

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