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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

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| 1. | <b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>   |
| 2. | <b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry for Primary Industries  |
| 3. | <b>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):</b><br><br>Puffer Fish imported under any of the following Tariff Codes<br><br>0303.89.90.69A Fish frozen, other fish, excluding livers and roes - other....other<br>0304.89.00.89E Fish fillets, frozen fillets of other fish, ---other...other<br>0305.59.00.10H Dried Fish, whether or not salted, but not smoked -- other<br>0303.89.10.69H Other frozen fish, excluding fillets, excluding livers and roes---whole<br>0303.89.20.69C Other frozen fish, headed and gutted, excluding livers and roes--whole - other<br>0304.49.00.89L Fresh or chilled fillets of other fish -- other ...other<br>0304.59.00.79G Fish Fillets - other - fresh or chilled -- other ...other<br>0304.87.00.19E Frozen fillets of other fish, in blocks -- other...other<br>0305.39.00 Fish fillets, dried, salted but not smoked -- other<br>0305.49.00.79A Smoked fish--other...other<br>0305.69.00.10A Fish salted but not dried or smoked and fish in brine -- other |
| 4. | <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable</b><br><br>[ X ] all trading partners<br><br>[specific regions or countries]   |
| 5. | <b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Imported Food Requirement: Puffer Fish ( <i>Tetraodontidae</i> ). Four pages; English  |
| 6. | <b>Description of content:</b><br><br>Import of whole or unprocessed puffer fish is prohibited.<br><br>Import of cleaned, identified and processed puffer fish accompanied by a specified health certificate from a government competent authority is permitted.<br><br>The health certificate must be consignment specific and identify the species of puffer fish; and a guarantee that the product has been gutted and prepared by a certified person and is deemed fit for human consumption.   |
| 7. | <b>Objective and rationale:</b> [ X] <b>food safety</b> - To mitigate the risk of tetrodotoxin poisoning due to the consumption of improperly processed puffer fish<br><br>[ ] <b>animal health</b> [ ] <b>plant protection</b><br><br>[ ] <b>protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease</b>  |

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|     | <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests   |
| 8.  | <p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission</p> <p>Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products CAC/RCP 52-2003</p> <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</p> <p>[(e.g., ISPM N°)]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p> |
| 9.  | <b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> English   |
| 10. | <p><b>Proposed date of adoption</b> (19 November 2012):</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication</b> (19 November 2012):</p>  |
| 11. | <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force</b> (01 December 2012)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>   |
| 12. | <p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification ([DATE])</p> <p>or [DATE: 09 November 2012]</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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:</p> <p>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>   |
| 13. | <p><b>Texts available from:</b> <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: <a href="http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm">http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</a></p>   |