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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 for Primary Industries (MPI)
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): Semen and embryos from sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [specific regions or countries] or [X] all trading partners
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Semen and Embryos from Sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and Goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>), March 2014, English, 16 pages
6.	Description of content: This Import Health Standard provides New Zealand's mitigation measures for a number of diseases related to semen and embryos from sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>). These are generic measures and bilateral veterinary certificates will be negotiated. The only currently approved country is Australia.
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 [e.g., title or serial number of Codex standard or related text] [X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) [e.g., Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number] [] International Plant Protection Convention [e.g., ISPM N°] [] None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? [X] Yes [X] 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

	different than the Code in accordance with NZ's appropriate level of protection.
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Import Risk Analysis: Sheep and Goat Genetic Material, 2005, draft Guidance Document for Semen and Embryos from Sheep and Goats, March 2014.
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): <u>TBD</u> Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): <u>TBD</u>
11.	Proposed date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure <u>Date dependent upon veterinary certificate negotiation process</u>
12.	Final date for comments: 14/05/2014 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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:
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