

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Health (Food and Nutrition Section)
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Food products, including dietary supplements, containing royal jelly, bee pollen or propolis
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: <i>Proposed compulsory warning labelling for food products (including dietary supplement products) containing royal jelly, bee pollen or propolis</i> (12 pages)
5.	Description of content: The document proposes a New Zealand food standard issued under section 11E of the Food Act 1981 to require warning statements for all food products, including dietary supplements, containing royal jelly, bee pollen or propolis. The proposed warning states these products may cause severe allergic reactions, and in the case of royal jelly may in rare cases cause fatalities especially in people who suffer from allergies or asthma.
6.	Objective and rationale: Food safety
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Discussion document entitled: <i>Proposed compulsory warning labelling for food products (including dietary supplement products) containing royal jelly, bee pollen or propolis</i> (English)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Early 1998
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: Two months after the standard is notified in the New Zealand Gazette

- 11. Final date for comments:** 16 December 1997 (Comments will be accepted until 29 January 1998, provided the intention to comment is notified by 16 December 1997).

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