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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> 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): Bovine semen from Australia.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Australia
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Import health standard in English for the importation of bovine semen into New Zealand from Australia – 14 pages.
6.	Description of content: This import health standard allows for the importation of bovine semen into New Zealand from Australia. It includes the following safeguards against diseases of concern: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animals are now required to spend 100 days in a bluetongue free zone before export to New Zealand.• Q fever testing is now required 'after' collection of semen to ensure that animals did not become infected during the time of semen collection.• Treatment for leptospirosis is no longer required but the semen must contain antibiotics.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None
10.	Proposed date of adoption: 22 August 2003
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: 22 August 2003

12. Final date for comments: 8 August 2003

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