

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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): Organic-based fertilisers
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: United States of America
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Revocation of IHS (one page)
6.	Description of content: The legal instrument used to revoke the import health standard for the importation of organic-based fertilisers into New Zealand from the United States of America (dated 8 September 2004).
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.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: This import health standard was revoked following information received by MAF Biosecurity regarding the detection of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in a cow in the United States of America. The suspension will be reviewed once New Zealand has received further information to clarify the BSE status of the United States of America .
9.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
10.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None
11.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 8 September 2004
12.	Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

- 13. Texts available from: [X] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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