

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

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| 1. | Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved: |
| 2. | Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture (MAF Regulatory Authority) |
| 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): Pig semen from the United States of America |
| 4. | Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft import health standard for the importation of frozen porcine semen into New Zealand from the United States of America (16 pages) |
| 5. | Description of content: <p>MAF has reviewed import health conditions for the importation of pig semen into New Zealand from the USA following a quantitative risk analysis examining the risks of introduction of porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS) virus through the importation of pig semen. New Zealand is free of PRRS virus. The OIE has not made recommendations for countries free of PRRS during importation of pig semen or live pigs. It is widely recognized that PRRS virus is transmissible by semen.</p> <p>The risk analysis has examined the risk-reducing effect of various proposed risk management strategies, after gathering data on important aspects of epidemiology of the virus such as the estimated prevalence in the USA, the use of vaccination, the carrier status of infected boars, shedding of the virus in semen, and detection of infection by serological methods and PCR techniques.</p> <p>The import health standard adopts the risk management strategy recommended by the risk analysis, which includes isolation of donor boars with sentinels during introduction to semen-collection centres. The risks of other pig diseases transmissible by semen endemic to the USA, from which New Zealand is free, are also managed within the import health standard.</p> |
| 6. | Objective and rationale: Animal health |

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| 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: Draft import health standard for the importation of frozen porcine semen into New Zealand from the United States of America (English) |
| 9. | Proposed date of adoption: 13 September 1996 |
| 10. | Proposed date of entry into force: 13 September 1996 |
| 11. | Final date for comments: 23 August 1996 if no comments or requests for extension of the time limit are received; otherwise 6 September 1996. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: Ministry of Agriculture Regulatory Authority |
| 12. | Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: |