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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 6 June 2003, has been received from New Zealand.

Import requirements for palm seed for sowing imported into New Zealand

On 13 January 2003, New Zealand notified to WTO Members the draft import health standard (G/SPS/N/NZL/198) for palm seed for sowing. It was proposed that a number of pre-export treatments would be required on such seed including pre-export inspection and sourcing the seed a "Pest free area", free from *Coconut cadang-cadang viroid*. The final date for comments on the draft generic import health standard closed on 21 March 2003.

No comments were received from WTO Members but a number of comments were received from domestic importers of such seed. In light of these comments, the import health standard for most palm species was revised to require an additional declaration that the seed had not been sourced from Guam, the Philippines or the Solomon Islands (the three countries in which *Coconut cadang-cadang viroid* occurs). The revised standard was issued for implementation on 19 May 2003.

For further information or copies of the revised standard, contact Sally Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +64 4 474 4140; Fax: +64 4 470 2730; E-mail: sps@maf.govt.nz. The revised standard is also available on the internet at:

<http://www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/imports/plants/standards/155-02-05.pdf>
