

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)
3.	<b>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):</b> Unprocessed animal fibre from all countries
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> All countries
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Import health standard for the importation of unprocessed animal fibre into New Zealand from all countries (available in English, 7 pages)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This import health standard allows for the importation of unprocessed animal fibre into New Zealand from all countries. It includes the following safeguards against diseases of concern:  1. <b>Either:</b>  1.1. (a) The products must be derived from animals resident in a zone in which no case of foot and mouth disease has occurred within a 10 km radius within the last 30 days, <b>and;</b>  (b) The products must be derived from holdings that have been free from foot and mouth disease for the previous 3 months. <b>Or</b>  1.2. After due enquiry, that an Inspector under section 25 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 is satisfied that the fibre in this consignment will be at least 4 weeks in transit to New Zealand.  2. Sheep pox/goat pox must not have occurred in the country of origin during the previous 12 months.  3. The fibre must be derived from live animals resident in the country of origin or from animals that had been slaughtered in the country of origin to produce meat for human consumption.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> [ ] food safety, [ X ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests

<p><b>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties,  <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Import Risk Analysis Unprocessed Fibre of Sheep and Goats, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry ISBN: 0-478-07980-X (November 1998) (English) (136 Pages)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 11 August 2003</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 11 August 2003</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> 29 August 2003</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Kevin Corrin, National Manager Import Management, Animal Biosecurity Group, MAF Biosecurity Authority, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand; Tel: (+64) 4 4744136, Fax: (+64) 4 474 4133, e-mail: <a href="mailto:corrink@maf.govt.nz">corrink@maf.govt.nz</a></p>
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