

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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): Biological products for laboratory use from all countries
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Import health standard in English for the importation of biological products into New Zealand from all countries (available in English, 7 pages).
6.	Description of content: This import health standard allows for the importation of biological products destined for laboratory use into New Zealand from all countries. It includes the following safeguards against diseases of concern: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If it is not a risk good or a risk good with an acceptable level of risk for use in a laboratory without conditions, then a general permit to import will be issued and the product will be eligible for a biosecurity clearance.• If the product is a risk good and has an acceptable level of risk when used under the conditions of a transitional facility, a restricted permit to import will be issued. The product will be directed to a transitional facility approved to MAF Regulatory Authority Standard 154.02.17 Transitional facilities for biological products.• If the biological product and its intended use are considered to present a risk to biosecurity in New Zealand, no permit to import will be issued.
7.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [] Office International des Epizooties, [] International Plant Protection Convention, [X] 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:
10.	Proposed date of adoption: 22 December 2003

11. Proposed date of entry into force: 22 December 2003
12. Final date for comments: 15 December 2003 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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: Rachel Gordon, National Adviser International Trade, Animal Biosecurity Group, MAF Biosecurity Authority, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand; Tel: (+64) 4 4989807, Fax: (+64) 4 474 4133, e-mail: gordonr@maf.govt.nz
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