

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 Biosecurity Authority
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Unprocessed fibre of sheep, goats and lamoids intended for testing Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Import health standard for the importation into New Zealand of unprocessed fibre for testing (sheep, goat, lamoid) from all countries.
5.	Description of content: The draft import health standard above regulates the importation of unprocessed fibre of sheep, goats and lamoids (alpaca, llama, vicuña, guanaco) intended for testing. The standard does applies to all countries. The standard is based upon the MAF import risk analysis "Unprocessed fibre of sheep and goats". After additional analysis, MAF determined that lamoid fibre posed no additional risks to those posed by fibre of sheep and goats, and could be imported under the same conditions. All imports of unprocessed fibre for testing will require prior irradiation or importation into a facility registered by MAF, where safeguards will be applied.
6.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 29 August 2000
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 29 August 2000

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| 11. | Final date for comments: 22 August 2000
Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Dr John Bassett, National Adviser International Trade, Animal Biosecurity group, MAF Biosecurity Authority, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand; Tel: (+64 4) 474 4192; Fax: (+64 4) 474 4227 |
| 12. | Texts available from: [X] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Also on MAF website at:

http://www.maf.govt.nz/AnimalIHS/riskanal.htm#Draft Import Health Standards |