

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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 may be provided in addition, where applicable). Deer and elk velvet Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: United Kingdom
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Import health standard for the importation of deer/elk velvet into New Zealand from specified countries (3 pages)
5.	Description of content: This import health standard permits the importation of deer/elk velvet from various countries recognized as free from foot-and-mouth disease. The standard includes the following safeguards: (a) the exporting country must certify that they have remained free from foot-and-mouth disease and rinderpest for 12 months; (b) the products must be derived from live animals; OR (c) the products must be derived from animals slaughtered in a government licensed slaughtering establishment and which passed ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection.
6.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	Nature of the urgent problem(s): The original import health standard was revoked following confirmation of an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the United Kingdom. The animal health measures in the import health standard had originally been developed to enable trade from countries recognized as free from foot-and-mouth disease. Therefore, these measures were inadequate to allow trade to continue from a foot-and-mouth disease infected country/zone. A new import health standard with the same conditions, except for removing the United Kingdom as a country of origin, has been issued. Import health standards allowing for the trade of cloven-hoofed live animals, viable genetic material and animal products from the United Kingdom have been temporarily suspended. The suspension will be reviewed once the extent of the foot-and-mouth disease outbreak is known and United Kingdom authorities have the disease under control. New Zealand will then consider reinstating the import standards if the United Kingdom has been able to effectively regionalize the disease.

8.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give its appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None
10.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 26 February 2001
11.	Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Text: Keawe Woodmore, Coordinator, New Zealand SPS Notification Authority, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand; Tel: 64 4 474 4226; Fax: +64 4 470 2730; E-mail: sps@maf.govt.nz Comments: Barbara Christensen, National Adviser, International Trade, Biosecurity Authority, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +64 4 498 9807; Fax: +64 4 474 4133; E-mail: christensenb@maf.govt.nz