

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture Regulatory Authority
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Headed, gilled and gutted salmonid flesh for human consumption
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Import health risk analysis: salmonids for human consumption (269 pages)
5.	<p>Description of content: This generic risk analysis considers the aquatic animal health risks associated with imports for human consumption of headed, gilled and gutted salmon, trout and char from a wide range of production systems in a variety of countries.</p> <p>It concludes that maintaining sanitary measures for such imports above those recommended by the OIE are justified, but that regulatory systems in Australia, Canada, the USA, European Union and Norway would provide adequate health assurances if importations were to be permitted.</p> <p>The risk analysis has been conducted in a manner MAFRA considers to be consistent with the Office international des Epizooties (OIE) recommendations for import health risk analysis.</p>
6.	Objective and rationale: Protection of animal health
7.	<p>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist []. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations: The OIE <i>International Aquatic Animal Health Code</i> (1995) makes no recommendation on sanitary measures for trade in eviscerated fish for human consumption.</p>
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Import health risk analysis: salmonids for human consumption (English)

9.	Proposed date of adoption: After submissions have been considered.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: Submissions on the risk analysis will be reviewed, and import health standards will be developed and notified subsequently.
11.	Final date for comments: 10 December 1997 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: Ministry of Agriculture Regulatory Authority, P.O. Box 2526 Wellington, New Zealand
12.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Matthew Stone National Adviser International Animal Trade MAF Regulatory Authority P.O. Box 2526 Wellington New Zealand Fax: 64-4-474-4133 e-mail: stonem@ra.maf.govt.nz The cost of NZD\$20.00 payable by cheque, money order or credit card covers printing, postage and handling costs. Alternatively, the text of the document may be viewed at the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture web site from 30 October 1997 at http://www.maf.govt.nz/MAFnet/issues/iatrade/riskan/salmon/httoc.htm