

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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 may be provided in addition, where applicable).</b> Cattle embryos <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Sweden
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Revocation of import health standard (1 page)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> The legal instrument used to revoke the <i>Import health standard for cattle embryos into New Zealand from Sweden</i> (dated 27 September 1999)
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s):</b> This import health standard was revoked following information received by MAF Biosecurity regarding the outbreak of foot and mouth disease on the European continent linked to the movement of animals from the United Kingdom. New Zealand is temporarily suspending the import of live animals and animal products from the European Union. The suspension will be continually reviewed as the foot and mouth status of EC member States is clarified.
8.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input type="checkbox"/> . <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give its appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> Higher level of sanitary protection than would be achieved by measures based on the <i>OIE International Animal Health Code: Mammals, Birds and Bees</i> .
9.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> None
10.	<b>Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> 14 March 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:**

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