

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

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 (Regulatory Authority)
3.	<b>Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Ratites: live ratites (ostriches, emus, rheas); hatching eggs; meat for human consumption
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Risk analysis for the importation of live ratites (ostriches, emus, rheas) and their products (hatching eggs, uncooked meat) (122 pages)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> The analysis covers the following ratite species:  - ostriches ( <i>Struthio camelus</i> ); - emus ( <i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i> ), and; - rheas ( <i>Rhea americana</i> , <i>Pterocnemia pennata</i> ).  The document covers the identification of diseases of regulatory concern, the potential background risks and the development of appropriate safeguards. Proposed safeguards are based on current knowledge and OIE standards, where applicable.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> Animal health
7.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [ ].</b> <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:</b> Recommended safeguards are based on the Office international des Epizooties (OIE) standards where possible, and where the proposed safeguards exceed those standards justification is given. Where OIE international standards do not exist, or for diseases for which knowledge is limited, safeguards are proposed which provide an appropriate level of protection without unnecessarily restricting trade.
8.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Risk analysis for the importation of live ratites (ostriches, emus, rheas) and their products (hatching eggs, uncooked meat) (English)

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<b>11.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 23 January 1998  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> Ministry of Agriculture Regulatory Authority, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand
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