

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## 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 and Forestry (MAF)
3.	<b>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Specified pig-meat products for human consumption
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Italy
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Import health standard for the importation into New Zealand of specified pig-meat products for human consumption from Italy, 1 May 2002 (7 pages) (English)
6.	<b>Description of content</b> This import health standard allows for the importation of specified pig meat products for human consumption from Italy. It includes the following safeguards against diseases of concern:  (i) The pig meat products must EITHER qualify for official certification as Prosciutto di Parma (Parma ham) or have undergone an equivalent 12 month curing process OR be free of bone and have been subjected to a heat treatment (cooked) resulting in a core temperature of 70°C or higher for a minimum of 25 minutes.  (ii) The products must be derived from animals which passed veterinary ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection.  (iii) The products must originate from a government licensed slaughtering establishment that slaughters animals for human consumption and operates under Government Veterinary Supervision.  This is a new standard based on the import risk analysis: "Importation into New Zealand of Meat and Meat Products" dated March 1991. A further risk assessment of porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS) was also carried out.
7.	<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

<p><b>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties,  <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> Wherever appropriate, the risk analysis, which this import health standard is based on, is aligned with the <i>OIE International Animal Health Code</i> recommendations for importation of pig meat products. Diseases not listed in the <i>OIE Code</i> are also considered.</p>
<p><b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> "Importation into New Zealand of Meat and Meat Products" dated March 1991 (English)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 14 May 2002</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 14 May 2002</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> 22 July 2002 As this is a trade-facilitating measure, New Zealand implemented it on 14 May 2002 to allow for the commencement of trade with New Zealand. New Zealand welcomes comments on the new import health standard and will take them into account and amend the import health standard as necessary.</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Dr Gillian Mylrea, National Adviser International Animal Trade, Animal Biosecurity Group, MAF Biosecurity Authority, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand; Tel: +64 4 470 2778, Fax: +64 4 474 4227, E-mail: <a href="mailto:mylreag@maf.govt.nz">mylreag@maf.govt.nz</a></p>
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