

# 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
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> Frozen semen from deer
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Australia
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Import health standard for the importation into New Zealand of cervine semen from Australia (5 September 2002), (available in English), (11 pages).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The import health standard includes the following safeguards against diseases of concern:  (a) Testing and treatment of donor animals (b) Collection, processing and storage of semen as per the <i>Manual of the International Embryo Transfer Society</i> (IETS); and (c) requirement for official assurance by the third party country.  As these are trade-facilitating measures the import health standard has been adopted. However, New Zealand will still take any comments into account and amend the import health standard if necessary.
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
8.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
9.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Biosecurity Act 1993 (as amended) (English)
10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 6 September 2002
11.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 6 September 2002

**12. Final date for comments:** 12 November 2002

**Agency or authority designated to handle comments:** ☒ **National notification authority,** ☐ **National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:** Dr Gillian Mylrea, National Adviser, International 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: mylreag@maf.govt.nz

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