

# 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 should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Frozen bovine byproducts
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Canada
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Importation of frozen bovine byproducts for further processing into New Zealand from Canada and the United States of America (10 pages)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The legal instrument used to revoke the import health standard for frozen bovine byproducts for further processing into New Zealand from Canada (dated 12 March 2001).
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>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> This import health standard was revoked following information received by MAF Biosecurity regarding the detection of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in a cow in Canada. New Zealand is temporarily suspending the import of affected live animals and animals products from Canada. The suspension will be reviewed once New Zealand has received further information to clarify the BSE status of Canada.
9.	<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>
10.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> None
11.	<b>Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> 21 May 2003

<b>12.</b>	<b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National notification authority,</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Texts available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National notification authority,</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> Sally Griffin, Biosecurity Co-ordination- International, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, 101-103 The Terrace, Wellington, New Zealand. Ph: +64 4 474 4140 Fax: +64 4 470 2730 E-mail: sps@maf.govt.nz  Website: <a href="http://www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm">www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</a>