

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)
3.	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): <i>Beta</i> (sugar beet), <i>Capsicum</i> (pepper), <i>Lens</i> (lentil), <i>Lycopersicon</i> (tomato), <i>Malus</i> (apple), <i>Medicago</i> (lucerne), <i>Prunus</i> (plum), <i>Pyrus</i> (pear), <i>Secale</i> (rye), and <i>Vaccinium</i> (blueberry) seed for sowing.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Importation of seed for sowing – measures for "high impact pests" (MAF standard 155.02.05 <i>Importation of Seed for Sowing</i>), English, 18 pages
6.	Description of content: <p>MAF has recently identified a number of high impact pests, which are seed transmitted and which are associated with a number of important crops. This includes <i>Clavibacter michiganensis</i> subsp. <i>sepedonicus</i> on sugar beet, <i>Tomato bushy stunt virus</i> on pepper, <i>Trogoderma granarium</i> on lentil, <i>Pepino mosaic virus</i> and <i>Tomato bushy stunt virus</i> on tomato, <i>Tomato bushy stunt virus</i> on apple, <i>Trogoderma granarium</i> on lucerne, <i>Tomato bushy stunt virus</i> and <i>Plum pox virus</i> on plum, <i>Tomato bushy stunt virus</i> on pear, <i>Tilletia indica</i> on rye, and <i>Monilinia fructigena</i> on blueberry. MAF considers that there are not appropriate measures in place to prevent the importation of these pests and therefore proposes to introduce appropriate phytosanitary measures as soon as possible. Seed of these genera are currently imported according to the requirements in MAF standard 155.02.05 <i>Importation of Seed for Sowing</i>) in particular the genus-specific schedules.</p> <p>The purpose of this document is to amend the schedule of entry conditions for <i>Beta</i>, <i>Capsicum</i>, <i>Lens</i>, <i>Lycopersicon</i>, <i>Malus</i>, <i>Medicago</i>, <i>Prunus</i>, <i>Pyrus</i>, <i>Secale</i>, and <i>Vaccinium</i> seed. The proposed measures may include additional declarations on the phytosanitary certificates, importation of seed from pest free areas and a requirement for post entry quarantine.</p>
7.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests

<p>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</p>
<p>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption: 10 November 2003</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: 10 November 2003</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: 7 November 2003 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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: Plant Imports – Consultation on <i>Cicer</i> (chickpea) seed for sowing Plants Biosecurity Biosecurity Authority Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry PO Box 2526 Wellington New Zealand Fax: +64 4 474 4257 Email: plantimports@maf.govt.nz</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Sally Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +64 4 474 4140; Fax: +64 4 470 2730; E-mail: sps@maf.govt.nz Website: www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</p>