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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry for Primary Industries
<b>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):</b> Cats and dogs
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Import Health Standard: Cats and Dogs. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 74 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/NZL/25_00689_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/NZL/25_00689_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> In 2021 a proposed cat and dog import health standard (IHS) consulted on changes to the proposed IHS since that consultation is outlined in the Review of Submissions under 'Other relevant documents' below. Responses to submissions made by competent authorities are not included in this Review of Submissions. NZ MPI will send out individual responses to each competent authority.  This is the second consultation of this IHS.  The proposed IHS was not implemented after the first consultation in 2021 because of concerns about fraudulence relating to the rabies and residency import requirements.  During the period between consultations, the rabies and residency requirements were reviewed and further risk work on <i>Brucella canis</i> and <i>Babesia</i> spp. was completed.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Chapter 8.14 Infection with rabies virus <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Current import requirements for cats and dogs to New Zealand <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/NZL/25_00689_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/NZL/25_00689_01_e.pdf</a></li> <li>- Current guidance to the import requirements for cats and dogs to New Zealand <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/NZL/25_00689_02_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/NZL/25_00689_02_e.pdf</a></li> <li>- Review of Submissions (from 2021 consultation) <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/NZL/25_00689_03_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/NZL/25_00689_03_e.pdf</a> (available in English)</li> </ul>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> April/May 2025 <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> April/May 2025
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Note: A six-month transition period will be implemented from the date of adoption/publication during which time either the old or new import requirements can be used. After this period, the new import requirements in the IHS must be followed. <b><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 13 March 2025 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> Sally Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +(64 4) 894 0431; Fax: +(64 4) 894 0733; E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps@mpi.govt.nz">sps@mpi.govt.nz</a> Website: <a href="https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/">https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/</a>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> Sally Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +(64 4) 894 0431; Fax: +(64 4) 894 0733; E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps@mpi.govt.nz">sps@mpi.govt.nz</a> Website: <a href="https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/">https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/</a>