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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: NEW ZEALAND

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- **2. Agency responsible:** Ministry for Primary Industries
- 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): New and used: vehicles, including land vehicles, aircraft and watercraft; machinery; parts for/from vehicles and machinery; tyres; wire cables and ropes that are, or have been, attached to machinery and vehicles used for agricultural, horticultural or forestry purposes
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- **Title of the notified document:** Import Health Standard: Vehicles, Machinery and Parts. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 32

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/NZL/25 05931 00 e.pdf

6. Description of content: MPI is proposing changes to the *Import Health Standard:* Vehicles, Machinery and Parts.

The *Import Health Standard: Vehicles, Machinery and Parts* (VMP.IHS) specifies the minimum requirements that must be met when importing vehicles, machinery and parts into New Zealand. Key changes to the import health standard include:

- Adding Uzbekistan to the list of countries that must treat goods for brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB) during the risk season, as BMSB is now present there;
- Requiring treatment for used watercraft with water ballast systems, which have been identified as a pathway for invasive aquatic species;
- Allowing manufacturer declarations for new, non-fully enclosed trailers to exempt them from BMSB treatment requirements;
- Improving treatment requirements for used parts to strengthen biosecurity and reduce unnecessary fumigant use;
- Aligning requirements for used parts with those for used machinery;
- Updating definitions;
- Reformatting and restructuring the standard to make it easier to understand and use.

These changes will strengthen New Zealand's biosecurity while maintaining current trade on the pathway.

The *Risk Management Proposal: Review of the Vehicles, Machinery and Parts Import Health Standard* explains how MPI assessed the options for managing risk organisms and discusses why changes to the VMP.IHS occurred.

