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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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dried spices (pepper, chilli, paprika)</li><li>• Milk and dairy products</li><li>• Bivalve molluscan shellfish (BMS) and BMS products</li><li>• Tahini and sesame paste products</li></ul>
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Food Notice: Requirements for Registered Food Importers and Imported Food for Sale. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 57 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/NZL/25_08975_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/NZL/25_08975_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> New Zealand MPI is seeking comments on the proposed changes to the import requirements for the following products specified in the draft Food Notice for consultation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Part 7: Dried spices;</li><li>– Part 8: Milk and dairy products;</li><li>– Part 9: Bivalve molluscan shellfish (BMS) and BMS products;</li><li>– Part 10: Tahini and sesame paste products.</li></ul> Further explanations can be found in the discussion paper provided.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>food safety</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>animal health</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>plant protection</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect territory from other damage from pests</b> .
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> CXC 1-1969 and CXG 93-2021 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapter 11.4 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b>

<p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><b>[X] Yes [ ] No</b></p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  Discussion Paper - Proposed Changes to the Food Notice: Requirements for Registered Food Importers and Imported Food for Sale  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/NZL/25_08975_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/NZL/25_08975_01_e.pdf</a>  (available in English)</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 10 February 2025</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>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></p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>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></p>