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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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):** *Daphne, Punica* and *Vitis* species eligible for import under the import health standard: Plants for Planting (155.02.06) (formally *Importation of Nursery Stock*)
4.	**Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:** **[X] All trading partners** **[ ] Specific regions or countries:**
5.	**Title of the notified document:** Import health standard: Plants for Planting (155.02.06). **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 540 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/NZL/26_05800_00_e.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** This standard describes the import specifications and entry conditions for plants for planting (whole plants, cuttings, bulbs and tissue culture) imported into New Zealand. This IHS was previously notified under G/SPS/N/NZL/787. Further amendments relating to plants for planting are being notified under this emergency notification.
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.**
8.	**Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:** The New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries amended the measure for the management of the grapevine berry inner necrosis virus (GINV) in *Vitis* plants and added a measure for *Xylella fastidiosa* for *Daphne* and *Punica* in the import health standard: Plants for Planting (155.02.06). The grapevine berry inner necrosis virus amendment replaced growing season inspection in post-entry quarantine for mandatory molecular testing via PCR or HTS (high-throughput sequencing). The change was made to ensure GINV is properly managed on imported *Vitis* plants, given recent evidence showing asymptomatic infections of mature grapevines in the field. This amendment was implemented as an emergency measure due to the significant risk that GINV poses to New Zealand's viticultural industry. The introduction of GINV into New Zealand could result in reduced grape quality and yield. Furthermore, the vector grape erinium mite *(Colomerus vitis)* is present in several New Zealand grape growing regions, increasing the likelihood of the virus spreading if introduced.

	Xylella fastidiosa is a regulated pest of high concern because it poses a significant risk to New Zealand horticulture sector and native plant species. It is therefore constantly monitored for changes in hosts and/or distribution. The amendment made for *Daphne* and *Punica* to include measures for *Xylella fastidiosa* was made in response to an update on the Xylella host list maintained by the European Food Safety Authority.
9.	**Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:** **[ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** **[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** **[X] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** ISPM no. 13 **[ ] None** **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[X] Yes [ ] No** **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:**
10.	**Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**
11.	**Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):** 9 November 2026 **[ ] Trade facilitating measure**
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