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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u>

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): Seed for sowing
- 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 155.02.05: Seeds for sowing.
 Language(s): English. Number of pages: 139

http://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/plants/seeds-for-sowing/requirements/

- **6. Description of content:** The standard describes the import specifications and entry conditions for seed for sowing imported into New Zealand.
- 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: Emergency measures are being adopted to prevent the introduction into New Zealand of '*Candidatus* Liberibacter solanacearum' haplotypes C, D and E, which may be associated with imported seed for sowing. *Apiaceae* seeds imported into New Zealand were tested by PCR, and were found to be positive for '*Candidatus* Liberibacter solanacearum'.

A new section for "*Apiaceae*" will be added to Part 2: 'Specific requirements' of the import health standard 155.02.05: Seeds for Sowing. The specific requirements for *Apiaceae* will apply to all species of *Anthriscus, Apium, Daucus, Foeniculum, Pastinaca,* and *Petroselinum* approved for import into New Zealand (refer to MPI's <u>Plants</u> <u>Biosecurity Index</u>).

A phytosanitary certificate will be mandatory for seeds imported into New Zealand under the specific requirements for *Apiaceae*. In addition to certifying that the seeds have been inspected in accordance with appropriate official procedures and found to be free of visually detectable regulated pests, it is requested that the exporting NPPO certify^{*} that one of the following has occurred prior to export:

The seeds have been:

Sourced from a country where '*Candidatus* Liberibacter solanacearum' haplotypes C, D and E are absent/not known to occur; or Sourced from a seed lot, officially sampled according to ISTA or AOSA methodology (representative sample of a minimum of 10,000 seeds), and tested using a NPPO approved PCR method, and found free from '*Candidatus* Liberibacter solanacearum' haplotypes C, D and E; or Treated with hot water at a minimum temperature of 50°C for at least 30 continuous minutes."

^{*} The exact wording for additional declarations must be sourced from the import health standard.

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 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): 7 June 2017

[] Trade facilitating measure

12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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