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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## NOTIFICATION

- 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:
- 5. Title of the notified document: Amendments to Import health standard 155.02.05: Seeds for Sowing and Import health standard 155.02.06: Importation of Nursery Stock. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 25
  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/NZL/20">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/NZL/20</a> 1817 00 e.pdf
- **Description of content:** The targeted consultation document proposes a number of minor changes to measures, all of which are trade-enabling, to the relevant schedules in import health standard 155.02.05: Seeds for Sowing and IHS 155.02.06: Importation of Nursery Stock (listed below).

Amendments to IHS 155.02.05: Seeds for sowing

Adoption of hot water treatment performed onshore at an MPI-approved facility as a phytosanitary measure for regulated bacteria on *Apiaceae* and *Cannabis sativa* seeds for sowing. Adoption of molecular testing as an offshore phytosanitary measure for *Tomato brown rugose fruit virus* on *Capsicum* and *Solanum lycopersicum* seeds for sowing. Addition of an option for importers to provide a non-GMO declaration to meet the genetically modified (GM) requirements for *Petunia* seeds for sowing. Removal of requirement for 'appropriate common name' to be specified on phytosanitary certificates for *Petunia* seeds for sowing.

Amendments to IHS 155.02.06: Importation of Nursery Stock

Addition of an option for importers to provide a non-GMO declaration to meet the GM requirements for *Petunia* nursery stock (whole plants, cuttings and tissue cultures). Amendment to information required on GM testing certificates for *Petunia* nursery stock (whole plants, cuttings and tissue cultures). Removal of the requirement for an import permit for *Petunia* tissue cultures.

Please email PlantImports@mpi.govt.nz to request a copy of the targeted consultation document, should you wish to review the consultation document.

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. 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 Opposite to the Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Torrestrial or Anumtic
  - [ ] 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 number: 1
  - [] 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:

- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 20 April 2020
   Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 20 April 2020
- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 April 2020
  - [X] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 6 April 2020

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:

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13. Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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