



**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> <i>Apiaceae</i> seeds for sowing
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Import Health Standard 155.02.05: Seeds for Sowing. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 12 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/NZL/20_2912_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/NZL/20_2912_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/NZL/20_2912_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/NZL/20_2912_01_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> MPI is proposing to remove the <i>Apiaceae</i> schedule from the Import Health Standard (IHS) 155.02.05: Seeds for Sowing; this is a trade-enabling measure.  The current <i>Apiaceae</i> schedule requires that all imported seed lots must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate with an additional declaration for Lso haplotypes C, D and E. The additional declaration must state that:  – the seeds have been sourced from a country free from Lso haplotypes C, D and E; or a representative sample of 10,000 seeds has been sampled and tested for this bacteria (onshore or offshore) and found free; or the seed lot has been treated with hot water at 50°C for at least 30 continuous minutes. The above measures were introduced as provisional measures subject to review and full technical assessment within a reasonable period, as per Article 5.7 of the WTO-SPS agreement.  MPI has now completed its full technical assessment and found that new scientific evidence does not support the previous finding that Lso is seed transmitted on the <i>Apiaceae</i> family. As a result, MPI no longer considers <i>Apiaceae</i> seed to be a risk pathway for introduction of Lso.  Please email <a href="mailto:sps@mpi.govt.nz">sps@mpi.govt.nz</a> to request a copy of the targeted consultation document, should you wish to review the consultation document.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> ISPM No. 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Letter: Consultation on the proposed changes to remove the <i>Apiaceae</i> schedule from Import Health Standard (IHS) 155.02.05: <i>Seeds for Sowing</i> (available in English)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 11 June 2020</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 11 June 2020</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 June 2020</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 28 May 2020</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Mrs Sally Jennings, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand Tel: +(644) 894 0431 Fax: +(644) 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>