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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): Seeds for Sowing of Capsicum spp. and Solanum lycopersicum
- 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: 167

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/NZL/20 4477 00 e.pdf

Description of content: This alert is for an amendment to the seeds for sowing import health standard. The amendment adds emergency measures to effectively manage the risk of *Tomato mottle mosaic virus* (ToMMV) on the seed for sowing pathway for the hosts *Capsicum* spp. (pg 39-40) and *Solanum lycopersicum* (133-135). The import health standard describes import requirements for seeds for sowing imported into New Zealand.

MPI's emergency measures to manage ToMMV on the seeds for sowing pathway are:

The inclusion of ToMMV as a quarantine pest in the specific requirements for *Capsicum* and *lycopersicum* in the seeds for sowing import health standard. The requirement of a phytosanitary certificate additional declaration to certify that the seeds were either: Sourced from a 'pest free area', free from *Tomato mottle mosaic virus; OR* Sourced from a 'pest free place of production', free from *Tomato mottle mosaic virus; OR* Officially tested, on a representative sample of a minimum of 3000 seeds officially drawn according to the ISTA or AOSA sampling methodology, using an NPPO-approved ELISA or NPPO-approved PCR testing method and found free from *Tomato mottle mosaic virus*. Testing is required to be completed offshore prior to export, or on arrival in 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 *Tomato mottle mosaic virus* (ToMMV), which is associated with the hosts *Capsicum* spp. and *Solanum lycopersicum* imported as seeds for sowing. This decision is based on recent interceptions at the border of ToMMV on *S. lycopersicum* seeds for sowing imported into New Zealand and a Pest Risk Assessment.

- 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 number: 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): 24 July 2020
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. 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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