



**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> Cucurbitaceae 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> Proposed amendment to Import Health Standard: Seeds for Sowing (155.02.05). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 172 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/NZL/21_2901_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/NZL/21_2901_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The addition of proposed import requirements for <i>Cucumis melo</i> (melon), <i>Cucumis sativus</i> (cucumber) and <i>Citrullus lanatus</i> (watermelon) seeds for sowing imported into New Zealand.  The purpose of the new requirements is to manage risk of <i>Melon necrotic spot virus</i> on the known hosts.  The new <i>Melon necrotic spot virus</i> requirements are included within the <i>Cucumis</i> schedule (part 2.27 of the notified 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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM N° 1 and 38 <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>	
<b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>	Risk Management Proposal: Measures for <i>Melon necrotic spot virus</i> on <i>Cucumis melo</i> (melon), <i>Cucumis sativus</i> (cucumber) and <i>Citrullus lanatus</i> (watermelon) (Import Health Standard 155.02.05: Seeds for Sowing) <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/NZL/21_2901_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/NZL/21_2901_01_e.pdf</a> (available in English)
<b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b>	1 July 2021
<b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b>	1 July 2021
<b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b>	1 July 2021
<b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b>	
<b>12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b>	20 June 2021
<b>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:</b>	
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<b>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:</b>	
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