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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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 - <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Import health standard <i>Seeds for Sowing</i> (155.02.05). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 167 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/NZL/21_6853_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: MPI proposes a change to the testing requirement for <i>Pepino mosaic virus</i> in the specific requirements for tomato (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>) in the Import Health Standard: Seeds for Sowing (155.02.05) to require that: seeds are officially tested, on a representative sample of a minimum of 3,000 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 <i>Pepino mosaic virus</i> . Currently, the testing requirement for <i>Pepino mosaic virus</i> for tomato seeds for sowing in the Import Health Standard: Seeds for Sowing (155.02.05) requires that "seeds are officially tested, on a representative sample, and using appropriate methods, and found to be free from <i>Pepino mosaic virus</i> ." The proposed amendment strengthens the measures for <i>Pepino mosaic virus</i> in the Import Health Standard: Seeds for Sowing (155.02.05) by making the testing requirements more prescriptive.
7. Objective and rationale: <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.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <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

<p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Risk Management Proposal https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/NZL/21_6853_01_e.pdf</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 February 2022 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 February 2022</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 February 2022 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 28 December 2021</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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>Ms Sally Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +(64 4) 894 0431; Fax: +(64 4) 894 0733; E-mail: sps@mpi.govt.nz Website: https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <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>Ms Sally Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +(64 4) 894 0431; Fax: +(64 4) 894 0733; E-mail: sps@mpi.govt.nz Website: https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/</p>