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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**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>Capsicum, Cucumis, Cucurbitaceae, Lotus, Panicum, Phaseolus, Pisum, Raphanus sativus, Solanum, Solanum lycopersicum, Zea</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: Seeds for Sowing (155.02.05). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 170 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/NZL/22_4073_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/NZL/22_4073_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries is publicly consulting on the following proposed amendments to the Import Health Standard (IHS): Seeds for Sowing (155.02.05):  Trade facilitating measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Adding the option for small seed lots of species eligible to import under the specific requirements in the IHS for <i>Capsicum</i> (capsicum), <i>Solanum</i> (<i>Solanum melongena</i> only) (eggplant), <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> (tomato) and <i>Zea</i> (corn) to be tested as composite samples for the presence of quarantine pests;</li><li>- Adding the option for <i>Phaseolus</i> (bean) and <i>Pisum</i> (pea) seeds be tested for the presence of quarantine pests offshore prior to export;</li><li>- Adding <i>Matthiola incana</i> and <i>Cyperus papyrus</i> to the list of species approved for import as pelleted seed;</li><li>- Removing measures for the fungal pests <i>Rhizopus maydis</i> and <i>Phaeocystostroma ambiguum</i> on <i>Zea</i> (corn) seed, <i>Cercospora loti</i> on <i>Lotus</i> (lotus) seed and <i>Peronosclerospora sorghi</i> and <i>Sclerospora graminicola</i> on <i>Panicum</i> (panicum) seed.</li></ul> Other measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Adding a phytosanitary certificate as a requirement for <i>Raphanus sativus</i> (radish) seeds for sowing.</li></ul> The full details of the proposed amendments can be found in the MPI Risk Management Proposal: Amendments to the Import Health Standard <i>Seeds for Sowing</i> (155.02.05).
<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.

8.	<p><b>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 Nos. 1 and 38</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>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  Risk Management Proposal: Amendments to the Import Health Standard: Seeds for Sowing (155.02.05)  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/NZL/22_4073_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/NZL/22_4073_01_e.pdf</a>  (available in English)</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 September 2022  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 September 2022</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 September 2022</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 13 August 2022</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Sally Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand.  Tel: +(64 4) 894 0431; Fax: +(64 4) 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>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Sally Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand.  Tel: +(64 4) 894 0431; Fax: +(64 4) 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>