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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> Aquatic animal products from all countries for all uses other than as bait or feed for aquatic animals
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Import Health Standard: Aquatic Animal Products (Short Name: AQUAPROD.GEN). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 38 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/NZL/22_6730_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/NZL/22_6730_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Import Health Standard: Aquatic Animal Products contains New Zealand's specific biosecurity import requirements for products derived from fish, aquatic crustaceans, aquatic molluscs, echinoderms, cnidarians, tunicates, and annelids imported from all countries for all uses other than for use as bait and feed for aquatic animals. Products that comply with the requirements of the standard will meet New Zealand's appropriate level of biosecurity protection.  This notification is for consultation pertaining only to the following proposed amendments to the Import Health Standard: Aquatic Animal Products: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Redefining the ocean areas for importing fish from Australia;</li><li>2. Government-endorsed manufacturer's declaration as an alternative option to health certification for aquatic animal products;</li><li>3. Exporter's declaration as an alternative to health certification for aquatic animal products from Australia;</li><li>4. Schedules 4 and 6 of AQUAPROD.GEN IHS have updated fish species list;</li><li>5. Removal of health certification requirement for fish imported for further processing in New Zealand;</li><li>6. Bill of lading as acceptable document for freezing duration calculation;</li><li>7. Inclusion of a new section for composite products (products containing a mix of aquatic and non-aquatic animal ingredients);</li><li>8. Inclusion of a new section for importing marine annelid products;</li><li>9. Rephrasing some clauses for added clarity.</li></ol>
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH CODE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Section 3. Quality of aquatic animal health services</li> <li>- Section 5. Trade measures, importation/exportation procedures and health certification</li> <li>- Section 9. Diseases of crustaceans</li> <li>- Section 10. Diseases of fish</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></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></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Draft Risk Management Proposal: Aquatic Animal Products <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/NZL/22_6730_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/NZL/22_6730_01_e.pdf</a></li> <li>- Draft Guidance Document: Aquatic Animal Products <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/NZL/22_6730_02_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/NZL/22_6730_02_e.pdf</a> (available in English)</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 11 November 2022</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 11 November 2022</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 November 2022</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): 24 October 2022</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. <b>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>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>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>