



**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> Soil, rock, sand, clay and water
<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> Draft Import Health Standard: Soil, Rock, Sand, Clay and Water. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 16 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/NZL/23_8913_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/NZL/23_8913_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> MPI is proposing to revoke and replace the Import Health Standard: Soil, Rock, Gravel, Sand, Clay and Water. The changes include: 1. general restructuring of the standard to improve readability; 2. new option to treat offshore with appropriate documentation; 3. new treatment options; 4. removal of weight and volume limits on soil and water; 5. allow direction to a transitional facility without a permit; 6. split commodities by type to better target treatments towards the correct risks; 7. allow goods from New Zealand's exclusive economic zone to be treated as domestic with appropriate documentation; and 8. a new category for core samples.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" 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 Nos. 5, 18, 23, 24, 42 <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.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Risk Management Proposal: Revision of the import health standard: Soil, Rock, Gravel, Sand, Clay and Water <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/NZL/23_8913_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/NZL/23_8913_01_e.pdf</a> (available in English)
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be notified at the end of the consultation process. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be notified at the end of the consultation process.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be notified at the end of the consultation process. <b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 25 May 2023 <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> 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>
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