



**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>Seeds of Actinidia, Fragaria, Malus, Prunus, Pyrus, Ribes, Rubus, Vaccinium, Vitis</i>
<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> Amended Import Health Standard for Seeds for Sowing. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 177 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/NZL/23_9093_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/NZL/23_9093_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/NZL/23_9093_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/NZL/23_9093_01_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Ministry for Primary Industries proposes removing biological indexing as a diagnostic tool from all our plant germplasm import health standards.  Biological indexing will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. removed as a complimentary test to ELISA or PCR for 78 pests (where existing standards require biological indexing to be done with ELISA or PCR testing),</li><li>b. replaced by testing using only ELISA or PCR for 44 pests (where existing standards require biological indexing as the only test method),</li><li>c. removed as a test from one <i>Fragaria</i> disease of unknown aetiology (and instead this pest will be managed by inspecting plants for symptoms).</li></ul> The Ministry for Primary Industries will also remove all guidance and sections about biological indexing requirements from our plant germplasm import health standards.  For <i>Fragaria, Olea, Prunus, Rubus, Solanum tuberosum</i> , and <i>Vitis</i> plants for planting, we are removing 25 pests from our plant germplasm import health standards. We no longer consider these pests biosecurity risks on this pathway, and we will no longer require plants to be tested for these pests.
<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.

<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 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 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <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> Risk Management Proposal (available in English)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 29 May 2023 <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 29 May 2023</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): 29 May 2023 <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): 10 May 2023</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. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</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. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</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>