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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 15 December 2023, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of New Zealand.

Hop plants for planting (Humulus lupulus and Humulus neomexicanus)

This is an addendum to New Zealand's WTO notification (G/SPS/N/NZL/729) made on 25 August 2023 on proposed import requirements for hop plants for planting. The notified amendment was a risk management proposal for new requirements for importing hop plants for planting into New Zealand. It also included a new pest list. This addendum does not extend the scope of the previously notified regulation nor will it potentially affect Members as this is a trade enabling amendment.

In response to comments on our first proposal, we have adjusted a couple of risk management measures as follows:

- Added an option for testing fungal pests by culture-based identification instead of PCR.
- Added humidity and misting controls in post-entry quarantine in New Zealand.
- Changed the sample type for *Pseudoperonospora humuli* from stem/shoot and root to just stem/shoot.

We have now [drafted the import health standard](#) and changed the proposed date of entry into force to 4 March 2024.

This addendum concerns a:

- Modification of final date for comments
- Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- Other:

Comment period: (If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)

- Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable.

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