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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry for Primary Industries
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): Nursery stock (whole plants, cuttings, and tissue culture) species eligible for import into New Zealand of the below genera: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Malva• Portulaca
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Emergency amendments to Import Health Standard 155.02.06: Importation of Nursery Stock. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 371
6. Description of content: This standard describes the import specifications and entry conditions for nursery stock (whole plants, cuttings, bulbs and tissue culture) imported into New Zealand.
7. Objective and rationale: <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. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Cucumber green mottle mosaic virus and Tomato brown rugose fruit virus are tobamoviruses that would cause significant impacts to New Zealand if an incursion occurred. Species of Portulaca are asymptomatic hosts of Cucumber green mottle mosaic virus, and species of Malva and Portulaca are asymptomatic hosts of Tomato brown rugose fruit viruses. The viruses are spread through water, mechanical transmission, and soil. Both viruses are regulated pests in New Zealand, and there are measures on Cucurbitaceae seeds for Cucumber green mottle mosaic virus, and on tomato and capsicum seeds for Tomato brown rugose fruit virus. The need to amend the import health standard for asymptomatic nursery stock hosts was identified but previously deemed non-urgent as the import pathways were not active. However, the pathway status has changed and thus the IHS requires urgent updating to facilitate safe trade. The Import Health Standard 155.02.06: Importation of Nursery Stock (IHS) was urgently amended to include measures for the management of Cucumber green mottle mosaic virus on Portulaca species eligible for import to New Zealand, and for the management of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus on Malva and Portulaca species eligible for import.

<p>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No. 13</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 15 January 2024</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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>Ms Sally Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +(64 4) 894 0431; Fax: +(64 4) 894 0733; E-mail: sps@mpi.govt.nz</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <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>Ms Sally Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +(64 4) 894 0431; Fax: +(64 4) 894 0733; E-mail: sps@mpi.govt.nz</p>