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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): Seed for sowing
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: IHS 155.02.05: Seeds for sowing. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 140 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/NZL/19_1643_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/NZL/19_1643_01_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The standard describes the import specifications and entry conditions for seeds for sowing imported into New Zealand. Conditions for <i>Tomato brown rugose fruit virus</i> (ToBRFV) The measures are as follows: An additional declaration for 'pest free area' endorsed on the phytosanitary certificate by the NPPO of the exporting country with the following wording: <i>'The (insert seed species) seeds were sourced from pest free area, free from Tomato brown rugose fruit virus'.</i> OR An additional declaration for 'pest free place of production' endorsed on the phytosanitary certificate by the NPPO of the exporting country with the following wording: <i>'The (insert seed species) seeds was sourced from a 'pest free place of production' free from for Tomato brown rugose fruit virus'.</i> OR An additional declaration for testing endorsed on the phytosanitary certificate by the NPPO of the exporting country with the following wording: <i>'The (insert seed species) seed lot was officially tested, on a representative sample of a minimum of 3000 seeds officially drawn according to the ISTA or AOSA sampling methodology, using an approved ELISA NPPO testing method and found free from Tomato brown rugose fruit virus'.</i>
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.

<p>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: There is an unmanaged risk of <i>Tomato brown rugose fruit virus</i> on the <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> (tomato) and <i>Capsicum</i> sp. (pepper) on the seeds for sowing pathway and it needs to be managed urgently.</p> <p>The amendment is urgent because the risk of introduction and establishment of <i>Tomato brown rugose virus</i> (ToBRFV) via importation of <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> (tomato) and <i>Capsicum</i> sp. (pepper) seeds for sowing is immediate.</p> <p>There are no specific measures in place for this pathogen on the IHS 155.02.05: Seeds for sowing and tomato and capsicum seeds are actively imported into New Zealand from countries where the pathogen is known to occur.</p> <p>Emergency measures have been implemented under SPS agreement Article 7, annexe B, parts 2 and 6 for the pathogen while a Pest Risk Analysis is completed.</p> <p>The following host species will now require regulation for <i>Tomato brown rugose fruit virus</i>: Tomato and Capsicum.</p> <p>The proposed measures will apply to all countries and are detailed in the <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> (page 98) and <i>Capsicum</i> (page 30) specific requirements of the seeds for sowing import health standard</p>
<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 N° 4 and 10</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): 11 March 2019</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>Mrs Sally Jennings, 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 Website: https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/</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>Mrs Sally Jennings, 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 Website: https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/</p>