NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** New Zealand  **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 - *Solanum lycopersicum* |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X]** **All trading partners**  **[ ]****Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Import health standard *Seeds for Sowing* (155.02.05).**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 167  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/NZL/21_6853_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** MPI proposes a change to the testing requirement for *Pepino mosaic virus* in the specific requirements for tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum)* in the Import Health Standard: Seeds for Sowing (155.02.05) to require that:  seeds are officially tested, on a representative sample of a minimum of 3,000 seeds officially drawn according to the ISTA or AOSA sampling methodology, using an NPPO‑approved ELISA or NPPO-approved PCR testing method and found free from *Pepino mosaic virus*. Currently, the testing requirement for *Pepino mosaic virus* for tomato seeds for sowing in the Import Health Standard: Seeds for Sowing (155.02.05) requires that "seeds are officially tested, on a representative sample, and using appropriate methods, and found to be free from *Pepino mosaic virus*."  The proposed amendment strengthens the measures for *Pepino mosaic virus* in the Import Health Standard: Seeds for Sowing (155.02.05) by making the testing requirements more prescriptive. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [ ]****animal health, [****X]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[ ]****Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[ ]****World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[****X]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** ISPM N° 1 and 38  **[ ]****None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[****X]** **Yes [ ]****No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Risk Management Proposal  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/NZL/21_6853_01_e.pdf> |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 February 2022  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 February 2022 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 February 2022  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 28 December 2021  **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:**  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  Website: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/> |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [****X]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  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  Website: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/> |