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 |
| **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:** Amendments to Import health standard 155.02.05: *Seeds for Sowing* and Import health standard 155.02.06: *Importation of Nursery Stock.***Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 25  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/NZL/20_1817_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The targeted consultation document proposes a number of minor changes to measures, all of which are trade-enabling, to the relevant schedules in import health standard 155.02.05: Seeds for Sowing and IHS 155.02.06: Importation of Nursery Stock (listed below).  Amendments to IHS 155.02.05: *Seeds for sowing*  Adoption of hot water treatment performed onshore at an MPI-approved facility as a phytosanitary measure for regulated bacteria on *Apiaceae* and *Cannabis sativa* seeds for sowing. Adoption of molecular testing as an offshore phytosanitary measure for *Tomato brown rugose fruit virus* on *Capsicum* and *Solanum lycopersicum* seeds for sowing. Addition of an option for importers to provide a non-GMO declaration to meet the genetically modified (GM) requirements for *Petunia* seeds for sowing. Removal of requirement for 'appropriate common name' to be specified on phytosanitary certificates for *Petunia* seeds for sowing.  Amendments to IHS 155.02.06: *Importation of Nursery Stock*  Addition of an option for importers to provide a non-GMO declaration to meet the GM requirements for *Petunia* nursery stock (whole plants, cuttings and tissue cultures). Amendment to information required on GM testing certificates for *Petunia* nursery stock (whole plants, cuttings and tissue cultures). Removal of the requirement for an import permit for *Petunia* tissue cultures.  Please email PlantImports@mpi.govt.nz to request a copy of the targeted consultation document, should you wish to review the consultation document. |
| **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 number: 1  **[ ]****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:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 20 April 2020  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 20 April 2020 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 20 April 2020  **[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 6 April 2020  **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:**  Mrs Sally Jennings, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand  PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand  Tel: +(644) 894 0431;  Fax: +(644) 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:**  Mrs Sally Jennings, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand  PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand  Tel: +(644) 894 0431;  Fax: +(644) 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/> |