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):** *Malus* plants for planting (dormant cuttings and tissue culture) |
| **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:** Partial Review of Malus import requirements of importation of nursery stock Import Health Standard.**Language(s):** English.  **Number of pages:** 27  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/NZL/20_6999_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This notification is for a change in the import requirements of New Zealand, for *Malus* plants for planting imported into New Zealand. The change in requirements is the result of a review of phytosanitary import requirements for pests that required woody indexing for risk management.  This has resulted in the proposed changes for removing the requirements for woody indexing on one virus, three viroids, one phytoplasma, and four diseases of unknown aetiology in the *Malus* schedule of special entry conditions of the import health standard *Importation of Nursery Stock* (155.02.06). This removal of woody indexing has also resulted in a corresponding adjustment of the post entry quarantine period required for *Malus* nursery stock imported into New Zealand. |
| **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)*:** 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)*:** 15 January 2021  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 15 January 2021 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 15 January 2021  **[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:**  **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](mailto:sps@mpi.govt.nz)  Website: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/> |
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