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):** Cucurbitaceae seeds 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:** Proposed amendment to Import Health Standard: Seeds for Sowing (155.02.05).**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 172  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/NZL/21_2901_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The addition of proposed import requirements for *Cucumis melo* (melon), *Cucumis sativus* (cucumber) and *Citrullus lanatus* (watermelon) seeds for sowing imported into New Zealand.  The purpose of the new requirements is to manage risk of *Melon necrotic spot virus* on the known hosts.  The new *Melon necrotic spot virus* requirements are included within the *Cucumis* schedule (part 2.27 of the notified 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 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: Measures for *Melon necrotic spot virus* on *Cucumis melo* (melon), *Cucumis sativus* (cucumber) and *Citrullus lanatus* (watermelon) (Import Health Standard 155.02.05: Seeds for Sowing)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/NZL/21_2901_01_e.pdf> (available in English) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 July 2021  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 July 2021 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 July 2021  **[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 20 June 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:**  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/> |
| **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: +(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/> |