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):** Grain and seeds for consumption, feed, and processing |
| **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: Grain and Seeds for Consumption, Feed or Processing](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1661-Grains-and-Seeds-for-Consumption-Feed-or-Processing-Import-Health-Standard).**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 80  [https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/NZL/24\_02012\_00\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/NZL/24_02012_00_e.pdf" \t "_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This notification relates to amendments to the import health standard: Grain and Seeds for Consumption, Feed or Processing following public consultation that involve:   * requiring maize grain imported into New Zealand to be dried to a moisture content of 14% or less before export; * removing 11 regulated pests for the *Zea mays* pest list, along with the requirements to those pest; * removing phytosanitary measures for three regulated pests for import of hulled *Cannabis sativa* seeds; * expanding issuance authority for sampling certificates.   This amendment will facilitate trade of *Zea mays* and hulled *Cannabis sativa* seeds, provide new trade opportunities, and reduce the costs for importers. |
| **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 No. 5, ISPM No. 12, ISPM No. 24  **[****]** **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)*:** 11 March 2024  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 11 March 2024 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 11 March 2024  **[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable - can comment at anytime.  **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:**  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](mailto: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:**  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](mailto:sps@mpi.govt.nz)  Website: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/> |