NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 17 September 2024, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of New Zealand.

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| Issuance of amended import health standard for seeds for sowing |
| This addendum concerns the amendment of the previously notified document, the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) Import Health Standard: Seeds for Sowing (155.02.05). The amendment to this import health standard was notified in G/SPS/N/NZL/768 dated 16 May 2024.Consultation on these changes has closed and the Ministry for Primary Industries issued the amended Import Health Standard: Seeds for Sowing (155.02.05) on 30 August 2024. The issued standard is on this link - <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1151-Seeds-for-Sowing-Import-Health-Standard>.All the changes to the Import Health Standard: Seeds for Sowing (155.02.05) proposed in G/SPS/N/NZL/768 were adopted, published, and entered into force on 30 August 2024.Note that we have provided a one year implementation period for the following changes:* Changing the wording for additional declarations for pests from: pest "not known to occur"; to "the seeds are produced in an area where [pest] is absent" as per ISPM 8: Determination of pest status in an area. Those changes apply for specific pests in the following 18 schedules in the import health standard: *Capsicum*, *Carpinus*, *Carya*, *Castanea*, *Citrus*, *Cucumis*, *Cucurbitaceae*, *Desmodium*, *Eriobotryia*, *Helianthus*, *Juglans*, *Lens*, *Lithocarpus densiflorus*, *Medicago*, *Nicotiana tabacum*, *Quercus*, *Ulmus* and *Vigna*.
* Until 30 August 2025, MPI will accept phytosanitary certificates with additional declarations for these pests that certify either the "[pest] is not known to occur" or "the seeds are produced in an area where the [pest] is absent" as per ISPM 8: *Determination of pest status in an area*. Guidance about this has been added in the 18 schedules.

In relation to the change notified in G/SPS/N/NZL/768 to add seed testing (either offshore prior to export or on-arrival in New Zealand) as an option for a phytosanitary measure for certain pests, MPI wishes to inform trading partners that on-arrival testing in New Zealand is only possible if the seeds are not pesticide treated. Guidance about this has been added in the following schedules in the import health standard: *Avena*, *Glycine*, *Hordeum*, *Sesamum*, *Triticum* and *Vigna*.Adoption date of regulation: 30 August 2024.<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/NZL/24_06048_00_e.pdf> |
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| [ ] Modification of final date for comments |
| [**X**] Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation |
| [**X**] Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation |
| [ ] Withdrawal of proposed regulation |
| [**X**] Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force |
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