

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

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| 1. | <b>Member to Agreement notifying <u>NEW ZEALAND</u></b><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>   |
| 2. | <b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)<br><b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b> Dr Gerard Clover, MAF Biosecurity Authority, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand.<br>Tel: +64 4 470 2743. Fax: +64 4 474 4257. Email: cloverg@maf.govt.nz   |
| 3. | <b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [   ], 5.6.2 [   ], 5.7.1 [   ], other:</b>  |
| 4. | <b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> <i>Glycine max</i> (soybean) seed for sowing.   |
| 5. | <b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Protocol for testing imports of <i>Glycine max</i> seed for sowing for the presence of genetically modified seed (Five pages, in English).   |
| 6. | <b>Description of content:</b> Proposed measures to prevent the unauthorised importation of genetically modified <i>Glycine max</i> seed into New Zealand.   |
| 7. | <b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b><br>The Biosecurity Act 1993 prohibits the importation of a new organism that has not been approved under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (HSNO). To date, genetically modified organisms, including <i>Glycine max</i> seeds, have not been approved for release into New Zealand. The proposed measures aim to ensure that genetically modified <i>Zea mays</i> seeds, that are not approved under the HSNO Act, are not released into New Zealand's environment through imports of conventional <i>Glycine max</i> seed.<br><br>Upon adoption, the protocol will remain in force until such time as genetically modified <i>Glycine max</i> seed is approved for release under the HSNO Act. |
| 8. | <b>Relevant documents:</b> Protocol for testing imports of <i>Glycine max</i> seed for sowing for the presence of genetically modified seeds, Protocol for testing imports of <i>Brassica napus</i> var. <i>oleifera</i> seed for sowing for the presence of genetically modified seed, Protocol for testing imports of <i>Zea mays</i> seed for sowing for the presence of genetically modified seed.   |

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| <b>9.</b>  | <b>Proposed date of adoption:</b><br><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b>   | <b>}</b> 1 January 2003 |
| <b>10.</b> | <b>Final date for comments:</b> 14 December 2002   |                         |
| <b>11.</b> | <b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:</b><br>Mr Keawe Woodmore,<br>MAF Biosecurity Authority,<br>PO Box 2526,<br>Wellington,<br>New Zealand.<br><br>Tel: +64 4 474 4226<br>Fax: +64 4 470 2730<br>Email: sps@maf.govt.nz |                         |