

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Health
3.	<b>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):</b> All food products
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> All countries
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Revoking New Zealand's Food Regulatory Measures to be Covered by the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code: A Discussion Document (Available in English) (47 pages)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The purpose of the discussion document is two-fold: first, to consult on the proposed date in which the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code will take full effect (this date will also spell the end of the transition period within which alternative food standards and regulations are available to the food industry); and second, to invite comment on the food regulatory measures that are proposed for revocation, replacement, and retention.  The Code, which is proposed to take full effect at the end of 2002, comprises the sole set of food standards for composition, labelling and other matters included within the scope of the Joint Food Standards System. For the Code to enter into full effect, however, it will be necessary to revoke those standards provided under the New Zealand Food Regulations 1984 and the New Zealand Food Standard 2001 that fall within the scope of the Code. At the same time, food regulatory matters that fall outside the scope of the Joint Food Standards System (eg, processing requirements and public health and safety issues) will continue to remain in force in New Zealand food legislation. This document has also been notified under the TBT Agreement.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
9.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> None

<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> End of 2002/beginning of 2003
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> End of 2002/beginning of 2003
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> 31 May 2002. Late comment will be considered up to 28 June 2002, if the intention to comment is communicated by 31 May 2002.</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National notification authority,</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> Ministry of Health, PO Box 5013, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +64 4 496 2094; Fax: +64 4 496 2340; E-mail: jacquilyn_bird@moh.govt.nz</p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Texts available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National notification authority,</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> Mr. Keawe Woodmore, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, 101-103 The Terrace, Wellington, New Zealand; Tel: +64 4 474 4226; Fax: +64 4 470 2730; E-mail: sps@maf.govt.nz</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm">www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</a></p>