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):** Equine semen and equine embryos |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Australia, Canada, European Union, Norway, Switzerland, United States of America |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Import Health Standard for Semen and Embryos from Equids. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 15  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/NZL/19_0905_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Disease-specific requirements and general requirements for the collection, processing, storage, and transport of equine semen and embryos for export to New Zealand from Australia, Canada, the European Union, Norway, Switzerland, and the United States of America. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [****X] animal health, [ ]****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)*:**  **[****X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** Terrestrial Animal Health Code, chapters 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 12.2, 12.3, 12.9  **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[ ]** **None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]** **Yes [****X] No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** The proposed regulation conforms to the chapters listed above, but also contains additional requirements based on chapters 12.5 and 12.8 which are not specific for equine germplasm, but have been modified. |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**   * Guidance document   <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/NZL/19_0905_02_e.pdf>   * Risk management proposal   <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/NZL/19_0905_01_e.pdf>  (available in English) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 15 July 2019  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 15 July 2019 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 March 2020  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 15 April 2019  **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/> |
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