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):** Pelleted seeds for sowing |
| **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:** Risk Management Proposal: Proposed amendment to the IHS 155.02.05: Seeds for sowing and requirements for the importation of pelleted seeds for sowing**Language(s):** English **Number of pages:** 30<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/NZL/20_0848_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Proposed amendment include:All pelleted seed lots must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate and an ISTA or AOSA seed analysis certificate. *Beta vulgaris* and vegetable species imported as pelleted seed are required to be tested for the presence of a quarantine weed or contaminants on a "bare" seed sample or pelleted seed sample on arrival at the New Zealand border. Pelleted *Lactuca sativa* seed lots are required to be tested at the ratio of 1 in 10 lots for the presence of a quarantine weed or contaminants on a pelleted seed sample on arrival at the New Zealand border. |
| **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)*:** 38**[ ]****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)*:** 17 April 2020**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 17 April 2020 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 17 April 2020**[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 4 April 2020**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 Jennings, Coordinator, SPS New ZealandPO Box 2526, Wellington, New ZealandTel: +(644) 894 0431Fax: +(644) 894 0733E-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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