NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** New Zealand  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Ministry for Primary Industries  Pastoral House, 25 The Terrace  PO Box 2526 Wellington 6140  New Zealand  Tel: +64 4 894 0100  Email: [info@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:info@mpi.govt.nz)  Website: [www.mpi.govt.nz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz)  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Primary and processed organic products, including food and beverages, animal and plant products, live animals, and wool. Also consulting on inclusion of organic aquaculture products. Please refer to the consultation document. |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Discussion document: Would New Zealand benefit from new organic regulation? (29 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The New Zealand Government is considering whether new regulations are needed for organic products sold in New Zealand. The Government is seeking feedback on whether a new organic standard should be voluntary or mandatory, and if a standard is mandatory, how should Government check that businesses meet the standard.  If, following consultation, Government decides that a mandatory standard is needed, new primary legislation will need to be passed into law before a standard can be developed. The timeframe for such legislation is uncertain. Once any needed legislation is passed, an organic standard would be developed and consulted on before it was finalised.  For comments received in response to this notification, the closing date for submissions as specified in the discussion document is extended to 60 days from the date of this notification. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** Discussion document: Would New Zealand benefit from new organic regulation? (29 pages, in English). |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:**To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:**To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Ministry for Primary Industries Pastoral House, 25 The Terrace PO Box 2526 Wellington 6140 New Zealand Tel: +64 4 894 0100 Fax: +64 4 894 0720 Email: [info@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:info@mpi.govt.nz)  <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-way-organic-production-is-regulated/> |