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):** Cuttings and Plants in vitro of *Actinidia* |
| **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:** Import Health Standard for Actinidia Plants for Planting.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 21[https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/NZL/23\_9088\_00\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/NZL/23_9088_00_e.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/NZL/23_9088_01_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Ministry for Primary Industries proposes removing biological indexing as a diagnostic tool from all our plant germplasm import health standards.Biological indexing will be:removed as a complimentary test to ELISA or PCR for 78 pests (where existing standards require biological indexing to be done with ELISA or PCR testing),replaced by testing using only ELISA or PCR for 44 pests (where existing standards require biological indexing as the only test method),removed as a test from one Fragaria disease of unknown aetiology (and instead this pest will be managed by inspecting plants for symptoms).The Ministry for Primary Industries will also remove all guidance and sections about biological indexing requirements from our plant germplasm import health standards.For *Fragaria*, *Olea*, *Prunus*, *Rubus*, *Solanum tuberosum*, and *Vitis* plants for planting, we are removing 25 pests from our plant germplasm import health standards. We no longer consider these pests biosecurity risks on this pathway, and we will no longer require plants to be tested for these pests. |
| **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)*:**  ISPM 1**[****]** **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:** Risk Management Proposal (available in English) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 29 May 2023**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 29 May 2023 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 29 May 2023**[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 10 May 2023**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 Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New ZealandPO Box 2526WellingtonNew ZealandTel: +(64 4) 894 0431Fax: +(64 4) 894 0733E-mail: sps@mpi.govt.nzWebsite: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/> |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [****X]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:** Sally Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New ZealandPO Box 2526WellingtonNew ZealandTel: +(64 4) 894 0431Fax: +(64 4) 894 0733E-mail: sps@mpi.govt.nzWebsite: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/> |