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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

### Addendum

The following communication, dated 5 September 2001 has been received from New Zealand.

#### Importation of Pig Meat Products from Canada, Denmark, Mexico (state of Sonora) and the United States of America

A number of countries including Canada, Denmark, Mexico (state of Sonora) and the United States of America, for which current import health standards exist, have a disease called porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS). This disease is not present in New Zealand, Australia or Sweden. Provisional measures were taken (G/SPS/N/NZL/153 - 9 August 2001) following the consideration of new research data from the Netherlands (commissioned by Australia) which indicates that the virus can be spread to healthy animals if they eat sufficient quantities of the uncooked meat. Following receipt of this research data, MAF Biosecurity Authority began a review of the risks of introducing PRRS into New Zealand in imported pig meat.

Our review concluded that the newly identified risk was not inconsequential and, therefore, we had to act appropriately within the framework of the regulatory tools available to us. Accordingly, new import health standards containing the provisional measures have been issued and following the transitional period for entry under the conditions of the existing import health standards, the existing import health standards were revoked on 1 September 2001 as notified to WTO members in G/SPS/N/NZL/153.

Pursuant to section 22 (1) of the Biosecurity Act 1993, the following import health standards, dated 31 August 2001, have been issued:

1. The following import health standards, which previously only contained cooking as a treatment, have been amended to include a pH treatment in the transitional facility section. They have also been re-titled as "processed pig meat" rather than "cooked pig meat":
  - (a) MEACPOIC.CAN - Processed pig meat products for human consumption from Canada (12 pages)
  - (b) MEACPOIC.USA - Processed pig meat products for human consumption from the USA (12 pages)
  - (c) MEACPOIC.DEN - Processed pig meat products for human consumption from Denmark (12 pages)

These replace the import health standards of the same code, dated 23 July 2001.

2. A new import health standard has been issued to allow for the importation of processed pig meat products for human consumption from Mexico:
  - (a) MEACPOIC.MEX - Processed pig meat products for human consumption from Mexico (12 pages)
3. The following import health standards have been amended to include safeguards against porcine reproductive & respiratory syndrome (PRRS). A clause relating to treatment of the pork in a transitional facility (clause 9) has been added:
  - (a) INEPPPIC.NAM - Frozen pig by-products from Canada and the USA (12 pages). Replaces the IHS INNEPPPIC.ALL, dated 3 August 1998
  - (b) MEAPORIC.CAN - Unprocessed pig meat products for human consumption from Canada (12 pages). Replaces the IHS dated 16 August 2000
  - (c) MEAPORIC.DEN - Unprocessed pig meat products for human consumption from Denmark (12 pages). Replaces the IHS dated 11 April 2001
  - (d) MEAPORIC.MEX - Unprocessed pig meat products for human consumption from Mexico (State of Sonora) (12 pages). Replaces the IHS dated 31 January 2000
  - (e) MEAPORIC.USA - Unprocessed pig meat products for human consumption from the USA (13 pages). Replaces the IHS dated 31 January 2000

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