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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Bovine semen Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Japan
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft import health standard for the importation of bovine semen into New Zealand from Japan (10 pages) (Available in English)
5.	<p>Description of content: This draft import health standard (IHS) allows for the importation of bovine semen into New Zealand from Japan. It includes the following safeguards against diseases of concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Due to a case of BSE confirmed in an indigenous cow in Japan on 22 September 2001. All references to BSE have been removed as semen has been shown to not be a vehicle for the BSE agent (<i>OIE Code</i>). The previous IHS required that the exporting country was free of BSE.(b) As the OIE declared Japan to be free of FMD on the 29 September 2000. The draft IHS has been amended to only allow the export of bovine semen collected since 1 October 2000.(c) Due to a detection of bluetongue in Japan on 12 November 2001, clause 6.2 of Veterinary Certificate A has been amended to incorporate the relevant Articles from Chapter 2.1.9 on bluetongue from the 2001 <i>OIE International Animal Health Code, mammals, birds and bees</i>. Previously there were no safeguards against bluetongue in the IHS. <p>All references to the New Zealand Semen Standard 93/105S/NZ have been removed and replaced with reference to the <i>OIE International Animal Health Code, mammals, birds and bees</i> or an actual laboratory test.</p>
6.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: OIE Animal Health Code Appendix 3.2.1

8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 15 June 2002
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 15 June 2002
11.	Final date for comments: 8 June 2002 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Joanne Thompson, National Adviser, International Animal Trade, Animal Biosecurity Group, MAF Biosecurity Authority, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand; Tel: (+64) 6 323 1183; Fax: (+64) 4 474 4227; E-mail: thompsonj@maf.govt.n
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