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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 should be provided in addition, where applicable): <i>Zea mays</i> (maize) grain for processing
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: <i>Zea mays</i> (maize) grain for consumption or processing (available in English, 26 pages)
6.	Description of content: The import health standard schedule for <i>Zea mays</i> (maize) grain for consumption or processing stipulates the requirements for the importation into New Zealand of <i>Zea mays</i> (maize) grain for consumption or processing. This includes the pre-import requirements, documentation, phytosanitary certification requirements, additional declarations to the phytosanitary certificate, inspection and testing requirements, post-entry restrictions and treatment requirements. As these are trade-facilitating measures the import health standard has been adopted. However, New Zealand will still take any comments into account and amend the import health standard if necessary.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None
10.	Proposed date of adoption: 17 February 2003
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: 17 February 2003

12. Final date for comments: 4 April 2003

Please note: New Zealand intends adopting the revised import requirements for *Zea mays* (maize) grain for consumption or processing on 17 February 2003. However, New Zealand will accept comments until 4 April 2003, and where appropriate, will include them in an amended import health standard schedule.

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ National notification authority, ☐ National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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