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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 11 September 2003, has been received from New Zealand.

Importation of bovine semen from the European Union

On 3 July 2003, New Zealand notified to WTO members the draft import health standard (G/SPS/N/NZL/242) for bovine semen from the European Union. The final date for comments on the draft import health standard closed on 5 August 2003.

A small number of comments were received during the comments period and the import health standard has been modified accordingly. The following changes have been made to the import health standard.

The statement about the freedom of herds and centres from quarantine restrictions has been modified as follows: the herd(s) of animals in which the donor animals resided during the **90 days** prior to semen collection for this consignment. If the donor has been in the semen collection centre for more than 90 days the collection centre will be deemed to be the herd of origin.

The option of virus isolation as an alternative to antigen capture ELISA for BVDV has been included.

The statement about the attachment of reports to the Zoosanitary Certificate has been altered to make it clear that only certificates for tests that are specified in the zoosanitary certificate need to be attached.

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