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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 17 December 2003, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of New Zealand.

Importation of bovine semen from the USA

On 11 July 2003, New Zealand notified to WTO Members the draft import health standard (G/SPS/N/NZL/249) for bovine semen from the USA. The final date for comments on the draft import health standard closed on 8 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 period of semen collection(s) must be 60 days or less.
- The donor animal treatment for leptospirosis is no longer required but the semen diluent must contain antibiotics.
- The testing requirements for bluetongue have been updated as per the Office International des Epizooties *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (OIE Code)
- The testing requirements for epizootic haemorrhagic disease have been updated in line with the OIE Code requirements for bluetongue.
- Testing for BVD is required since the USA has BVDV type 2, which is not present in New Zealand.
- Testing for IBR is required as the abortifacient form of the IBR virus occurs in the USA and not in New Zealand.

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