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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: New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
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). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <i>Pisum sativum</i> seeds for sowing
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Generic Import Health Standard; Commodity Sub-Class: Seeds for Sowing; <i>Pisum sativum</i> (24 pages, excluding signoff cover sheet)
5.	Description of content: This generic import health standard (GIHS) states the requirements for the importation of all <i>Pisum sativum</i> seeds for sowing into New Zealand. It includes requirements for pre-export, phytosanitary certification, transit, biosecurity and quarantine, inspection and testing. It also outlines the actions undertaken on the interception or detection of regulated organisms or contaminants.
6.	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
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 28 May 1999
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: Once this GIHS is adopted, it is immediately in force.

11. Final date for comments: Friday 21 May 1999

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ **National notification authority,**
☐ **National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of**
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and Forestry; PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand
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