

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)
3.	<b>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:</b> Canada
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Import health standard for the importation of horses into New Zealand from Canada (13 pages) (Available in English)
5.	<p><b>Description of content:</b> This import health standard allows for the importation of horses into New Zealand from Canada. It includes the following safeguards against diseases of concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) Country/region freedom and residency requirements for African horse sickness, vesicular stomatitis, Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis, Japanese encephalitis, equine encephalosis, Nipah virus, Hendra virus, Getah virus, contagious equine metritis, glanders, equine piroplasmosis, dourine and surra.</li><li>(ii) Residency requirements for equine encephalomyelitides, equine infectious anaemia, equine influenza, equine viral abortion, equine viral arteritis, horse pox, rabies, Borna disease, anthrax, glanders, melioidosis, <i>Salmonella abortus-equi</i>, equine ehrlichiosis, epizootic lymphangitis.</li><li>(iii) Pre-export testing for Eastern and Western encephalomyelitis, equine influenza, equine infectious anaemia, equine viral arteritis, leptospirosis, warble fly.</li><li>(iv) Post-arrival quarantine period of no less than 14 days in New Zealand with a further testing regime where required, including tests for equine infectious anaemia and equine influenza.</li></ul> <p>This import health standard is based on the MAF Biosecurity Authority Import Risk Analysis: Horses and Horse Semen (20 January 2000). New Zealand previously notified on 17 June 1998 in G/SPS/N/NZL/18 its draft import risk analysis on horses and horse semen. The import risk analysis which has since been finalised is available from the MAF website at: <a href="http://www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/pests-diseases/animals/risk/index.htm">http://www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/pests-diseases/animals/risk/index.htm</a>.</p>
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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

<b>7.</b>	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input type="checkbox"/> . <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> Wherever appropriate, the risk analysis, which this import health standards is based on, is aligned with the <i>OIE International Animal Health Code</i> recommendations for importation of equines and equine semen. Diseases not listed in the <i>OIE Code</i> are also considered.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> MAF Biosecurity Authority Import Risk Analysis: Horses and Horse Semen (20 January 2000)
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 1 October 2001
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 October 2001
<b>11.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 15 September 2001 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National notification authority,</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> Dr. Erin Daldry, National Adviser International Trade, Animal Biosecurity Group, MAF Biosecurity Authority, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand; Tel: (+64) 4 470 2778; Fax: (+64) 4 474 4133; E-mail: daldrye@maf.govt.nz
<b>12.</b>	<b>Texts available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National notification authority,</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> Mr. Keawe Woodmore, Coordinator, New Zealand SPS Notification Authority, PO Box 2526, 101-103 The Terrace, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +64 4 474 4226; Fax: +64 4 470 2730; E-mail: sps@maf.govt.nz  Website at: <a href="http://www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm">http://www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</a>