

# 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 should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Bovine embryos from Canada.
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Canada
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Import health standard in English for the importation of bovine embryos into New Zealand from Canada – 13 pages.
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This import health standard allows for the importation of bovine embryos into New Zealand from Canada. It includes the following safeguards against diseases of concern: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Q fever testing is now required 'after' collection of embryos to ensure that animals did not become infected during the time of embryo collection.</li><li>• Testing for BVD is required since BVD2 occurs in Canada.</li></ul>
7.	<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
8.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
9.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> None
10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 22 August 2003
11.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 22 August 2003

**12. Final date for comments:** 8 August 2003

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