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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: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)
3.	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): Bovine semen from the United States of America.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: United States of America
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Import health standard in English for the importation of bovine semen into New Zealand from the United States of America – 15 pages.
6.	Description of content: This import health standard allows for the importation of bovine semen into New Zealand from the United States of America. It includes the following safeguards against diseases of concern: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animals must spend 100 days in a bluetongue free zone before the semen is collected to be exported to New Zealand.• Q fever testing is now required 'after' collection of semen to ensure that animals did not become infected during the time of semen collection.
7.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [X] Office International des Epizooties, [] International Plant Protection Convention, [] None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None
10.	Proposed date of adoption: 22 August 2003
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: 22 August 2003

12. Final date for comments: 8 August 2003

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