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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): Chicken hatching eggs from Canada and the United States of America
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Canada and the United States of America
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Import health standard for the importation of chicken hatching eggs into New Zealand from Canada and the United States of America (available in English 8 pages)
6. Description of content: It is proposed that the USA be added to the current import health standard which allows for the importation chicken hatching eggs from Canada. It has been determined that the safeguards applied to hatching eggs from Canada are applicable to hatching eggs from the USA, as the poultry health status of the two countries are equivalent. The proposed import health standard includes the following safeguards against diseases of concern: 1. The birds from which the eggs have been obtained must have been hatched in, or have been in, the country for at least six months and during this time have not had any contact with imported birds. 2. The eggs must be clean and must have been fumigated. 3. The eggs must be placed into spill proof containers and sealed by a full-time government veterinary officer into clean and disinfected crates before despatch.
7. Objective and rationale: <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. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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: Standard 154.02.05 Standard for Avian Transitional Facilities
10.	Proposed date of adoption: 11 August 2003
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: 11 August 2003
12.	<p>Final date for comments: 29 August 2003</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Rachel Gordon, National Adviser international Animal Trade, Animal Biosecurity Group, MAF Biosecurity Authority, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand; Tel: (+64) 4 4989807, Fax: (+64) 4 474 4227, e-mail: gordonr@maf.govt.nz</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ms Sally Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, 101-103 The Terrace, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +64 4 474 4140; Fax: +64 4 470 2730; E-mail: sps@maf.govt.nz</p> <p>Website: www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</p>