

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Australia New Zealand Food Authority (ANZFA)
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). Food produced from high oleic acid soybean lines Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Risk Analysis Report: Application A387 – Food derived from high oleic soybean lines (72 pages)
5.	Description of content: An application for approval of food derived from high oleic acid soybean lines produced using gene technology and to be listed in Standard A18 – <i>Food Produced Using Gene Technology</i> of the <i>Food Standards Code</i> . The report describes the scientific assessments undertaken and recommends addition to the list of approved foods in Standard A18. New Zealand previously made a notification under the SPS Agreement on 19 February 1997 (G/SPS/N/NZL/9), informing other Members of a proposal to establish a standard requiring a pre-market safety assessment of foods derived from gene technology on a case-by-case basis. New Zealand notified (G/SPS/N/NZL/52) on 26 November 1999 the availability for public comment the draft-amended standard, which regulates the sale of foods and food ingredients, other than additives and processing aids, which are produced using gene technology. Standard A18 of the Australian Food Standards Code is recognised in New Zealand as a mandatory standard.
6.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input 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
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: Australian <i>Food Standards Code</i> ; New Zealand <i>Food Regulations 1984</i> (both in English)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Recommendation to Government anticipated late 2000; adoption to follow, pending Government approval.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: Not known, date of entry after Government approval.

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| <p>11. Final date for comments: 30 August 2000
Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Australia New Zealand Food Authority, PO Box 7186, Canberra Mail Centre ACT 2610, Australia; Fax: +61 2 6271 2278; E-mail: info@anzafa.gov.au</p> |
| <p>12. Texts available from: [] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Australia New Zealand Food Authority <u>quoting Application A346.</u></p> <p>Australia New Zealand Food Authority, PO Box 7186, Canberra Mail Centre ACT 2610, Australia; Fax: +61 2 6271 2278. E-mail: info@anzafa.gov.au</p> <p>Available from the Australia New Zealand Food Authority website in two parts:
http://www.anzfa.gov.au/documents/gen14_00.htm
http://www.anzfa.gov.au/documents/gen14_00a.htm</p> <p>This document has also been notified by Australia.</p> |