

# 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>AUSTRALIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Australia New Zealand Food Authority
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).</b> <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Milk, cream and fermented milk. All Countries exporting the products to Australia to be affected.
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Explanatory Notes – Proposal No. P185 (15 pages)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> A proposal to revise current Australian and New Zealand regulations for milk, cream and fermented milk in order to develop joint food standards.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
8.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Australian <i>Food Standards Code</i> ; New Zealand <i>Food Regulations 1984</i> (both available in English)
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> Recommendation to Government anticipated mid-1999; adoption to follow, pending government approval late 1999/early 2000 with promulgation of joint Australia/New Zealand Food Standards Code.
10.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> See paragraph 9 above
11.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> The domestic closing date for comments is 16 June 1999, however comments from Members will be accepted until 5 July 1999 if notice of intention to comment is received by the domestic closing date. <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Australia New Zealand Food Authority, P.O. Box 7186, Canberra Mail Centre ACT 2610, Australia; Fax: +61 2 6271 2278; E-mail: slo@anzfa.gov.au

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