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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 embryos from the European Union.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Import health standard in English for the importation of bovine embryos into New Zealand from the European Union—14 pages.
6.	Description of content: This import health standard allows for the importation of bovine embryos into New Zealand from the European Union. It includes the following safeguards against diseases of concern: Testing for freedom from Q fever and BVD is required because New Zealand is free from Q fever and BVD type 2.
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: European Union Directive 89/556/EEC and the <i>International Embryo Transfer Society Manual</i>
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None
10.	Proposed date of adoption: 5 August 2003
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: 5 August 2003

12. Final date for comments: 30 July 2003

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:

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