

# 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>NEW ZEALAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)
3.	<b>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):</b> Bovine semen from Canada.
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Canada
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Import health standard in English for the importation of bovine semen into New Zealand from Canada – 13 pages.
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This import health standard allows for the importation of bovine semen into New Zealand from Canada. It includes the following safeguards against diseases of concern: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Animals must spend 100 days in a bluetongue free zone before <b>the semen is collected to be exported</b> to New Zealand.</li><li>• Testing for Q fever is now required 'after' collection of semen to ensure that animals did not become infected during the time of semen collection.</li><li>• Testing for BVD is required since Canada has BVDV type 2, which is not present in New Zealand.</li><li>• Testing for IBR is required as the abortifacient form of IBRV occurs in Canada and not in New Zealand.</li></ul>
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> [ ] food safety, [ X ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> [ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [ X ] Office International des Epizooties, [ ] International Plant Protection Convention, [ ] None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
9.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> None
10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 22 August 2003
11.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 22 August 2003

**12. Final date for comments:** 8 August 2003

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