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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry for Primary Industries
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> Frozen berry fruits (not including kiwifruit) - HS: 0811
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Emergency Food Standard for Imported Frozen Berry Fruits <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 7
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Enhanced surveillance: imported frozen berries will be subject to an interim programme of <i>E. coli</i> testing as an indicator for possible contamination with hepatitis A, to better inform New Zealand authorities of possible sources of the recent cases of hepatitis A infection.
7.	<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.
8.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> Recent clear pattern of illnesses with links to imported frozen berry consumption.
9.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission ( <i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) ( <i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention ( <i>e.g. ISPM number</i> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> Testing to follow ICMSF guidelines.
10.	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>

<b>11.</b>	<b>Date of entry into force (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>)/period of application (as applicable):</b> 2 December 2015/Six months after entry into force, with earlier review possible.  <b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  Mrs Sally Jennings, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand; Tel: +(64 4) 894 0431; Fax: +(64 4) 894 0733; E-mail: sps@mpi.govt.nz
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