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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

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## **NOTIFICATION**

1.	Notifying Member: NEW ZEALAND
	If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry for Primary Industries
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): Semen from dogs (Canis familiaris)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
	[ ] All trading partners
	[X] Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Import Health Standard (IHS): Semen from dogs ( <i>Canis familiaris</i> )
	Language(s): English Number of pages: 19
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The minimum requirements that must be met when importing semen from dogs into New Zealand.
	The changes are minor and mainly editorial. The Model Veterinary Certificate has also been updated.
	This IHS replaces Import health standard for the importation of canine semen into New Zealand from Australia notified in G/SPS/N/NZL/379 and Import Health Standard for Frozen Semen from Specified Countries notified in G/SPS/N/NZL/380.
7.	Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [X] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
	[ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)
	[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)
	[ ] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)
	[X] None
	Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? [ ] Yes [ X ] No
	If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: No international standard exists.

- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- 10. Proposed date of adoption: (22/10/2015)
  Proposed date of publication: (22/10/2015)
- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: 22/10/2015
  - [ ] Trade facilitating measure

During the transition period (22 October 2015 to 22 April 2016) the previous IHSs: Import Health Standard for Frozen Semen from Specified Countries, and Import Health Standard for Canine Semen from Australia, OR the new IHS: Import Health Standard for Semen from Dogs can be used for import into New Zealand. From 22 April 2016, only the new IHS: Import Health Standard for semen from dogs (*Canis familiaris*) can be used.

12. Final date for comments: [NA] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): N/A

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