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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u>

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- **2. Agency responsible:** Ministry for Primary Industries
- 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):

Species of the genus *Ficus* that are eligible to be imported into New Zealand as whole plants, cuttings and tissue culture:

Ficus auriculata

Ficus benghalensis

Ficus benjamina

Ficus binnendykii

Ficus capensis (= Ficus sur)

Ficus carica

Ficus citrifolia

Ficus coronata

Ficus cyathistipula

Ficus dammaropsis

Ficus decora (= Ficus elastica)

Ficus deltoidea

Ficus diversifolia (= Ficus deltoidea)

Ficus elastica

Ficus erecta

Ficus indica (= Ficus benghalensis)

Ficus kingiana

Ficus lingua

Ficus lutea

Ficus lyrata

Ficus macrophylla

Ficus microcarpa

Ficus natalensis

Ficus nekbudu (= Ficus lutea)

Ficus obliqua
Ficus palmata
Ficus palmeri
Ficus pumila
Ficus racemosa
Ficus radicans (

Ficus radicans (= Ficus sagittata)

Ficus religiosa

Ficus roxburghii (= Ficus auriculata)

Ficus sagittata

Ficus stipulata (= Ficus pumila)

Ficus superba

Ficus sur

Ficus triangularis (= Ficus lingua)

- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [x] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- **5. Title of the notified document:** Import Health Standard 155.02.06: *Importation of Nursery Stock*

Language(s): English Number of pages: 389

- **6. Description of content:** The import health standard describes import specifications and entry conditions for nursery stock/plants for planting imported into New Zealand
- 7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [x] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:

The import requirements for whole plants, cuttings and tissue culture of the genus *Ficus* have been urgently amended to apply measures for the management of the bacterium *Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum*. This decision is based on the identification of *Ficus carica* as a host for *Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum* in the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) emerging risk system and the change in regulatory status for the bacterium in October 2018.

MPI will undertake further risk assessment to ensure that the continued use of these measures for *R. pseudosolanacearum* are justified. Once completed, this will be sent out for consultation.

- 9. 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)

	[x] International Plant Protection Convention (ISPM 1)
	[] None
	Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? [] Yes [] No
	If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:
10.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
11.	Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):
	07/02/2020
	[] Trade facilitating measure
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