



NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> 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): Food for sale in New Zealand, regulated under the Food Act 2014. (This includes both food produced in New Zealand – including food for export - and food imported into New Zealand.)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] All trading partners [<input type="checkbox"/>] Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Proposals for regulations under the Food Act 2014 – MPI Public Discussion Paper No: 2015/01. Language(s): English Number of pages: 132
6.	Description of content: The Food Act 2014 was passed on 6 June 2014 and must come into force by 1 March 2016. The Act prescribes a high level, risk-based framework for promoting the safety of food for sale in New Zealand, including imported food. Regulations are necessary to provide more detail to support implementation of the Act. The discussion document sets out proposals for regulations in nine key areas: food control plans and national programmes (risk-based food safety management tools) verification (of food businesses) recognised agencies and persons approvals (of documents, facilities, materials, etc.) cost recovery imported food exemptions infringement offences food standards transitional matters The proposed regulations relating to food standards propose changes only in respect of residue limits for agricultural compounds. No changes are proposed to all other food standards. These will be maintained in their current form. The Food Act 2014 will bring New Zealand's domestic food system into line with the risk-based approach of other New Zealand food statutes.

7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <p>None</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 01/03/16</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 01/02/16</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (dd/mm/yy): 01/03/16</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (dd/mm/yy): 31/03/15</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: 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</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: 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</p> <p>Website: http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</p>