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

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## **NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

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): Cut flowers and foliage
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
	[ ] All trading partners
	[X] Specific regions or countries: Australia
5.	Title of the notified document: Import Health Standard for Cut Flowers and Foliage
	Language(s): English Number of pages: 42
6.	Description of content: Import Health Standard for Cut Flowers and Foliage.
	This IHS specifies the import requirements for cut flowers and foliage of approved species from approved countries. This amendment only affects importation of myrtaceae species from Australia (Tasmania).
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:
	Change in distribution for myrtle rust within Australia to include Tasmania. Emergency amendment to the IHS for Cut Flowers and Foliage to apply existing myrtle rust measures (as applied to the Australian states of New South Wales, Queensland, and Victoria) to host products exported from Tasmania.
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 (Article VII)
	[ ] None
	Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? [X] 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): 26/02/2015
  - [ ] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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