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

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#### **NOTIFICATION**

- 1. Notifying Member: New Zealand
- **2. Agency responsible:** New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (NZ MAF)
- 3. Products covered:

This IHS applies to the importation of the following types of bulk inorganic fertiliser:-

- (a) direct application fertiliser:
- (b) fertiliser for further processing:
- (c) guano fertiliser.

This IHS does not cover importation of liquid fertiliser or bagged and containerised inorganic fertilisers (these products have been determined to have a lower risk status). In addition, this IHS does not apply to organic fertilisers that primarily consist of animal, microbial or plant material. For information on the importation of organic fertilisers refer to:-

http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/imports/animals or

http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/ihs/bnz-fertgro-imprt.pdf

- **4.** Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable [X] all trading partners
- **5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:** Import Health Standard (IHS) for Bulk Inorganic Fertiliser (including guano), English (8 pages)
- **6.** Description of content:

The revised *Import Health Standard (IHS) for Bulk Inorganic Fertiliser (including guano)* has been developed by revising the existing MAF Standards:-

(a) MAF Standard FERGUAIC.ALLL: IHS for the importation of Guano based fertiliser into New Zealand (NZ) first issued 14 January 1998;

and

(b) MAF Standard 152-08.04I: IHS for Bulk Fertiliser first issued 26 May 1999.

- 7. Objective and rationale:
  - [X] animal health
  - [X] plant protection
  - [ X ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease
  - [X] protect territory from other damage from pests
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: [X] None
- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: No
- 10. Proposed date of adoption (24/04/2012): Proposed date of publication (24/04/2012):

# 11. Proposed date of entry into force 24/04/2012- [X] Trade facilitating measure

### 12. Final date for comments: 17/04/2012

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