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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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): Puffer Fish imported under any of the following Tariff Codes 0303.89.90.69A Fish frozen, other fish, excluding livers and roes - other....other 0304.89.00.89E Fish fillets, frozen fillets of other fish, ---other...other 0305.59.00.10H Dried Fish, whether or not salted, but not smoked -- other 0303.89.10.69H Other frozen fish, excluding fillets, excluding livers and roes---whole 0303.89.20.69C Other frozen fish, headed and gutted, excluding livers and roes--whole - other 0304.49.00.89L Fresh or chilled fillets of other fish -- other ...other 0304.59.00.79G Fish Fillets - other - fresh or chilled -- other ...other 0304.87.00.19E Frozen fillets of other fish, in blocks -- other...other 0305.39.00 Fish fillets, dried, salted but not smoked -- other 0305.49.00.79A Smoked fish--other...other 0305.69.00.10A Fish salted but not dried or smoked and fish in brine -- other
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable [X] all trading partners [specific regions or countries]
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Imported Food Requirement: Puffer Fish (<i>Tetraodontidae</i>). Four pages; English
6. Description of content: Import of whole or unprocessed puffer fish is prohibited. Import of cleaned, identified and processed puffer fish accompanied by a specified health certificate from a government competent authority is permitted. The health certificate must be consignment specific and identify the species of puffer fish; and a guarantee that the product has been gutted and prepared by a certified person and is deemed fit for human consumption.
7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety - To mitigate the risk of tetrodotoxin poisoning due to the consumption of improperly processed puffer fish [] animal health [] plant protection [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease

<input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests	
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products CAC/RCP 52-2003 [(e.g., title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)] <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) [(e.g., Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)] <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention [(e.g., ISPM N°)] <input type="checkbox"/> None
Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:	
9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:	English
10. Proposed date of adoption (19 November 2012): Proposed date of publication (19 November 2012):	
11. Proposed date of entry into force (01 December 2012) <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure	
12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification (DATE) or [DATE: 09 November 2012] Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point, or 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@maf.govt.nz	
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