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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
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): 0307.11.00 Oysters - Live, fresh or chilled 0307.19.00 Oysters - Other 1605.51.10 Other Mollusc Preparations – oysters – pastes 1605.51.20 Other Mollusc Preparations – oysters – other (pate etc) 1605.51.90 Other Mollusc Preparations – oysters – other (in airtight jars/otherwise packed)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: : [specific regions or countries] or [X] all trading partners
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Imported Food Requirement: Bivalve Molluscan Shellfish (IFR - BMS); 18 pages; English
6.	Description of content: Since February 2010 all BMS imported into New Zealand should arrive under recognised and agreed certification. In the absence of the certification BMS are currently subject to sampling and testing for <i>E coli</i> and <i>listeria</i> depending on the level of processing.
7.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety [] animal health [] 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: Two recent <i>norovirus</i> incidents from imported oysters have led to this amendment to add <i>norovirus</i> to our BMS testing requirements for imported oysters
9.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: [X] Codex Alimentarius Commission Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products CAC/RCP 52-2003 [] 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:	
10.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
11.	Date of entry into force: 1 st October 2012 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	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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