NOTIFICATION

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| **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):** Semen from zoo Asian elephants |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Australia, European Union |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Import Health Standard for Semen from Zoo Asian elephants. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 12  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/NZL/18_0691_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has amended the *Import Health Standard for Semen from Zoo Asian elephants from Australia*. The amended standard will allow for zoo Asian elephant semen to be imported from the European Union as well as Australia. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [****X] animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **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)*:**  **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]** **Yes [ ]** **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:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 April 2018  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 April 2018 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 April 2018  **[****X] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 6 April 2018  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X] National Notification Authority, [****X] 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 |
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