NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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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):** Seeds for Sowing of *Capsicum* spp. and *Solanum lycopersicum* |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[****X] All trading partners** **[ ]** **Specific regions or countries:**  |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Import Health Standard 155.02.05: *Seeds for Sowing*. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 167<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/NZL/20_4477_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This alert is for an amendment to the seeds for sowing import health standard. The amendment adds emergency measures to effectively manage the risk of *Tomato mottle mosaic virus* (ToMMV) on the seed for sowing pathway for the hosts *Capsicum* spp. (pg 39-40) and *Solanum lycopersicum (133-135)*. The import health standard describes import requirements for seeds for sowing imported into New Zealand.MPI's emergency measures to manage ToMMV on the seeds for sowing pathway are:The inclusion of ToMMV as a quarantine pest in the specific requirements for *Capsicum* and *lycopersicum* in the seeds for sowing import health standard. The requirement of a phytosanitary certificate additional declaration to certify that the seeds were either: Sourced from a ‘pest free area', free from *Tomato mottle mosaic virus; OR* Sourced from a ‘pest free place of production', free from *Tomato mottle mosaic virus; OR* Officially tested, on a representative sample of a minimum of 3000 seeds officially drawn according to the ISTA or AOSA sampling methodology, using an NPPO-approved ELISA or NPPO‑approved PCR testing method and found free from *Tomato mottle mosaic virus*.Testing is required to be completed offshore prior to export, or on arrival in New Zealand. |
| **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:** Emergency measures are being adopted to prevent the introduction into New Zealand of *Tomato mottle mosaic virus* (ToMMV), which is associated with the hosts *Capsicum* spp. and *Solanum lycopersicum* imported as seeds for sowing. This decision is based on recent interceptions at the border of ToMMV on *S. lycopersicum* seeds for sowing imported into New Zealand and a Pest Risk Assessment. |
| **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 *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** ISPM number: 13**[ ]** **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):** 24 July 2020**[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
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| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [****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 ZealandPO Box 2526, Wellington, New ZealandTel: +64 4 894 0431Fax: +64 4 894 0733E-mail: sps@mpi.govt.nz Website: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/> |