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):** Dried and preserved plant materials |
| **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 - Dried and preserved plant materials.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 29[https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/NZL/23\_13299\_00\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/NZL/23_13299_00_e.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** MPI is proposing to amend the Import Health Standard for Dried and preserved plant materials. We propose removing the import requirements for all consignments of Pacific-style handwoven mats or tapa cloth mats (including fine mats) from the standard. This involves:1. Removing the requirement for an official phytosanitary certificate or inspection in New Zealand; and
2. Removing the requirement for mats to be made from specific plants.
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| **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.** | **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 5, ISPM 12, ISPM**[****]** **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:**  |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Risk management proposal<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/NZL/23_13299_01_e.pdf>(available in English) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be notified at the end of the consultation process.**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be notified at the end of the consultation process. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be notified at the end of the consultation process.**[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 14 December 2023**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:** Sally Griffin, 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.nzWebsite: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/> |
| **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:** Sally Griffin, 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.nzWebsite: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/> |