

**SECOND REVIEW OF THE OPERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE SPS AGREEMENT**

Submission by New Zealand

1. On 30 July 2004, New Zealand submitted four issues for consideration in the second review of the "Operation and Implementation of the SPS Agreement". New Zealand considers that issues raised in the context of the review should be achievable within the given timeline (i.e. adoption of the final report at the SPS Committee meeting in June 2005).
2. In order to better focus discussions by the Committee, New Zealand wishes to provide more precision and clarification on the issues it submitted. We encourage other Members who have also submitted issues to do the same, thereby enhancing preparations for the first meeting to discuss the review.
3. Our issues are:
 - (a) Transparency¹
 - (i) the development of a more user-friendly SPS database as distinct from the WTO documents online facility (DDF+);
 - (ii) notification of all new measures that are based on international standards;
 - (b) Administration
 - (i) discussion on the use of the SPS Committee to facilitate *ad hoc* consultations to progress trade concerns; and
 - (ii) discussion on how to avoid unnecessary duplication of work of the SPS Committee and the relevant standard-setting bodies.
4. New Zealand does not have any comments on the Secretariat's background document (JOB(04)/71).
5. We are currently preparing a supporting paper elaborating on these issues for the October meeting.

¹ Both these issues were discussed at the June 2004 SPS Committee meeting; see paragraphs 64 and 66 of G/SPS/R/34 regarding notification of measures even when based on international standards.