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PROPOSED WORKING DEFINITION OF AN SPS-RELATED PRIVATE STANDARD

SUBMISSION BY CHINA AND NEW ZEALAND

The following communication, received on 8 October 2013, is being circulated at the request of the Delegations of China and New Zealand.

As requested by the Chairperson of the SPS Committee, China and New Zealand have been working together to develop a working definition of SPS-related private standards. Taking into consideration the long history of discussions of this definition, the comments and suggestions that have been made by other Members, and clarifications provided by the WTO Secretariat, China and New Zealand propose the following definition and accompanying footnote for consideration by the Committee.

An SPS-related private standard is a set of requirements of a non-governmental entity which are related to food safety, animal or plant life or health.*

***This working definition or any part of it shall be without prejudice to Members' rights and obligations under the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.**
