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 - *Solanum lycopersicum*, *Solanum lycopersicum* x *Solanum habrochaites*, *Capsicum annuum*, *Capsicum baccatum*, *Capsicum cardenasii*, *Capsicum chinense*, *Capsicum eximium*, *Capsicum frutescens*, *Capsicum microcarpum*, *Capsicum pendulum*, *Capsicum pubescens* seeds for sowing |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]** **All trading partners** **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Israel |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Import Health Standard 155.02.05: Seeds for sowing. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 168<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/NZL/20_7766_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Import Health Standard 155.02.05: Seeds for Sowing describes the import requirements for seeds for sowing imported into New Zealand. This notification concerns the temporary suspension of imports into New Zealand of *Solanum lycopersicum* and *Capsicum* seeds for sowing of Israel-origin. |
| **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:** This is a notification of emergency action taken by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to temporarily suspend import pathways for species of Israel-origin, eligible to be imported under the specific requirements of *Solanum lycopersicum* and *Capsicum* in Import Health Standard 155.02.05: Seeds for Sowing, due to the detection of *Tomato brown rugose fruit* virus.*Tomato brown rugose fruit* virus is a virus that infects tomato and capsicum species of economic significance to New Zealand. *Tomato brown rugose fruit* virus is not present in New Zealand. If introduced, this pest could have serious consequences to New Zealand's tomato and capsicum industries.The pathways will remain temporarily suspended pending an investigation into the non-compliance. The pathways will be re-instated once actions are undertaken that provide MPI with sufficient assurance that tomato and capsicum seeds of Israel-origin that are shipped to New Zealand are free from *Tomato brown rugose fruit* virus*.* |
| **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 N° 1 and 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):** 17 December 2020**[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **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.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:** 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.nzWebsite: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/> |