



NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> 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): Soil, rock, sand, clay and water
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Draft Import Health Standard: Soil, Rock, Sand, Clay and Water. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 16 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/NZL/23_8913_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: MPI is proposing to revoke and replace the Import Health Standard: Soil, Rock, Gravel, Sand, Clay and Water. The changes include: 1. general restructuring of the standard to improve readability; 2. new option to treat offshore with appropriate documentation; 3. new treatment options; 4. removal of weight and volume limits on soil and water; 5. allow direction to a transitional facility without a permit; 6. split commodities by type to better target treatments towards the correct risks; 7. allow goods from New Zealand's exclusive economic zone to be treated as domestic with appropriate documentation; and 8. a new category for core samples.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM Nos. 5, 18, 23, 24, 42 <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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: Revision of the import health standard: Soil, Rock, Gravel, Sand, Clay and Water https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/NZL/23_8913_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): 25 May 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.nz Website: https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/
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