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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry for Primary Industries
<b>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):</b> <i>Musa</i> plants for planting (tissue culture, whole plants)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Importation of Nursery Stock (155.02.06). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 362
<b>6. Description of content:</b> An amendment to add emergency measures has been undertaken in the <i>Musa</i> section in Part 3 of the notified document. The amendment adds a requirement for an import permit when importing <i>Musa</i> tissue culture into New Zealand. Guidance for importers was also added to the requirements for <i>Musa</i> tissue culture and whole plants.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
<b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> The Ministry for Primary Industries has become aware that the current requirements for importing <i>Musa</i> plants for planting into New Zealand do not provide an appropriate level of protection for the biosecurity risks associated with <i>Musa</i> tissue culture. The new requirement for a permit serves as an interim measure to manage biosecurity risk while a permanent solution is developed.
<b>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <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 no. 13 <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b> 27 January 2022  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  Ms 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
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