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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)
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): Host material of <i>Fusarium circinatum</i> (Pitch Canker): <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> (Douglas fir) and <i>Pinus</i> spp. nursery stock, seed and wooden articles
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Report on the interception of <i>Fusarium circinatum</i> (Pitch Canker) on imported seedlings of Douglas fir (<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>), 3 pages (part thereof) (available in English)
6. Description of content: Justification for the re-classification of all areas of the United States of America as areas not considered by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to be free of <i>Fusarium circinatum</i> or Pitch Canker disease, and the immediate implementation of new phytosanitary measures.
7. Objective and rationale: <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
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Recent interception of <i>Fusarium circinatum</i> (Pitch Canker) on imported <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> (Douglas fir) seedlings from areas not previously considered by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to be infested with <i>Fusarium circinatum</i> or Pitch Canker disease.
9. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
10. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Report on the interception of <i>Fusarium circinatum</i> (Pitch Canker) on imported seedlings of Douglas fir (<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>), 3 pages (part thereof), in English. Available at: http://www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/imports/forests/emergency-measure.htm
11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 10 February 2004

- 12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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