NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** New Zealand  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Ministry for Primary Industries  Charles Fergusson Building 34-38 Bowen Street PO Box 2526  Wellington 6140 New Zealand Tel: +64 4 830 1574  Email: [organics.consultation@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:organics.consultation@mpi.govt.nz) Website: [www.mpi.govt.nz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz)  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  Standards New Zealand Phone: +64 4 498 5990 Email: [wto@standards.co.nz](mailto:wto@standards.co.nz)  Website: [www.standards.govt.nz](http://www.standards.govt.nz) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****X],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** The Organic Products Bill enables all organic products to be regulated. The Bill will only apply to products that are covered by national organic standards established in secondary legislation. The first standard to be developed will cover food, beverages, plant and animal products. |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Organic Products Bill (58 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The New Zealand Government is proposing new legislation enabling the development of mandatory national standards for organic products.  The Organic Products Bill 2020 (the Bill), provides a framework for regulating organic products.  The Bill would:   1. Require all organic businesses who make organic claims to be approved by meeting all the requirements in the relevant standards set forth in regulations; 2. Allow for the development of regulations and national organic standards detailing production and compliance requirements for certain products. 3. Allow for requirements to be set for third parties who will check organic businesses and take part in ongoing compliance. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Organic Products Bill (58 pages, in English). * Discussion document: [Would New Zealand benefit from organic regulation?](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/28797-would-new-zealand-benefit-from-new-organic-regulation)  (29 pages, in English). * G/TBT/N/NZL/81-Notification-New Zealand-Organic products (1 page, in English) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** December 2020  **Proposed date of entry into force:** June 2021 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Ministry for Primary Industries  Charles Fergusson Building 34 -38 Bowen Street PO Box 2526  Wellington 6140 New Zealand Tel: +64 4 830 1574  Email: [info@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:info@mpi.govt.nz) Website:<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-way-organic-production-is-regulated/> |