

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)
<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> 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
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> All countries
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> 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)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> 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.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> [ ] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ X ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests
<b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> 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.
<b>9. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> [ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), [ X ] International Plant Protection Convention, [ ] None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
<b>10. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> 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: <a href="http://www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/imports/forests/emergency-measure.htm">http://www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/imports/forests/emergency-measure.htm</a>
<b>11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> 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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