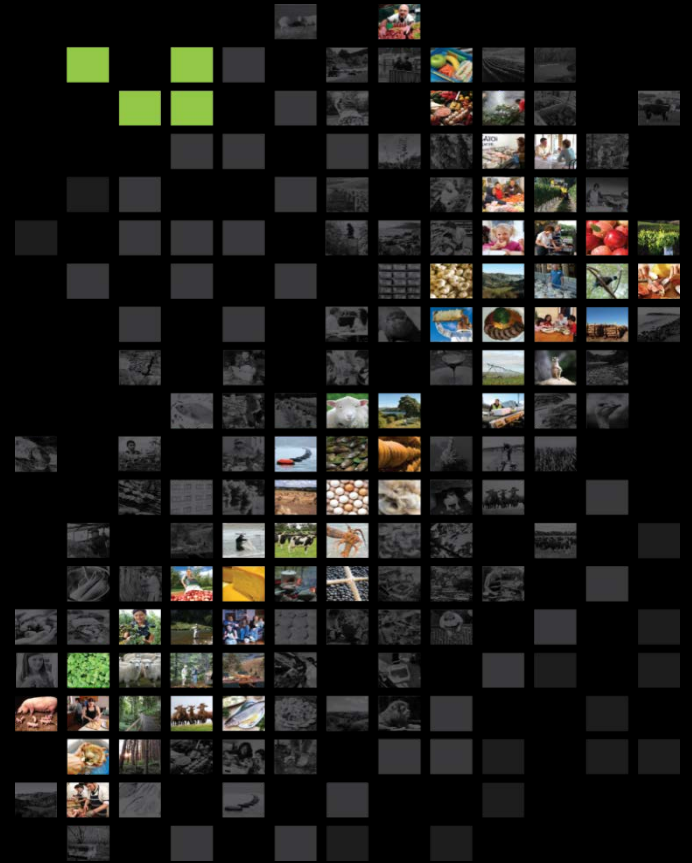


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Import Health Standards in the
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THE MULTIPLE LAYERS OF NEW ZEALAND'S BIOSECURITY SYSTEM

Biosecurity pressures on the border



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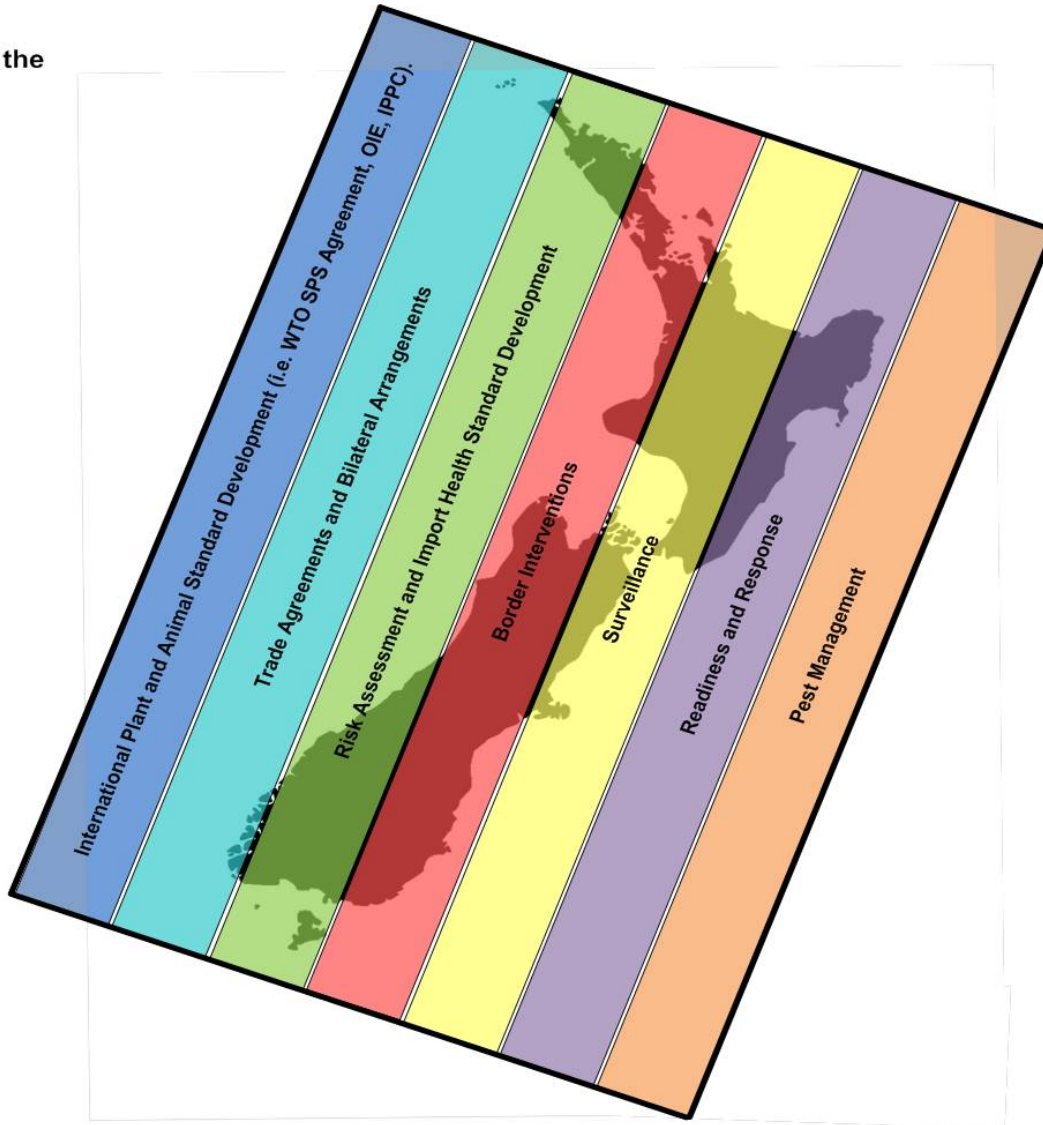
Cargo & Mail



Craft



Wind, tidal currents, rain



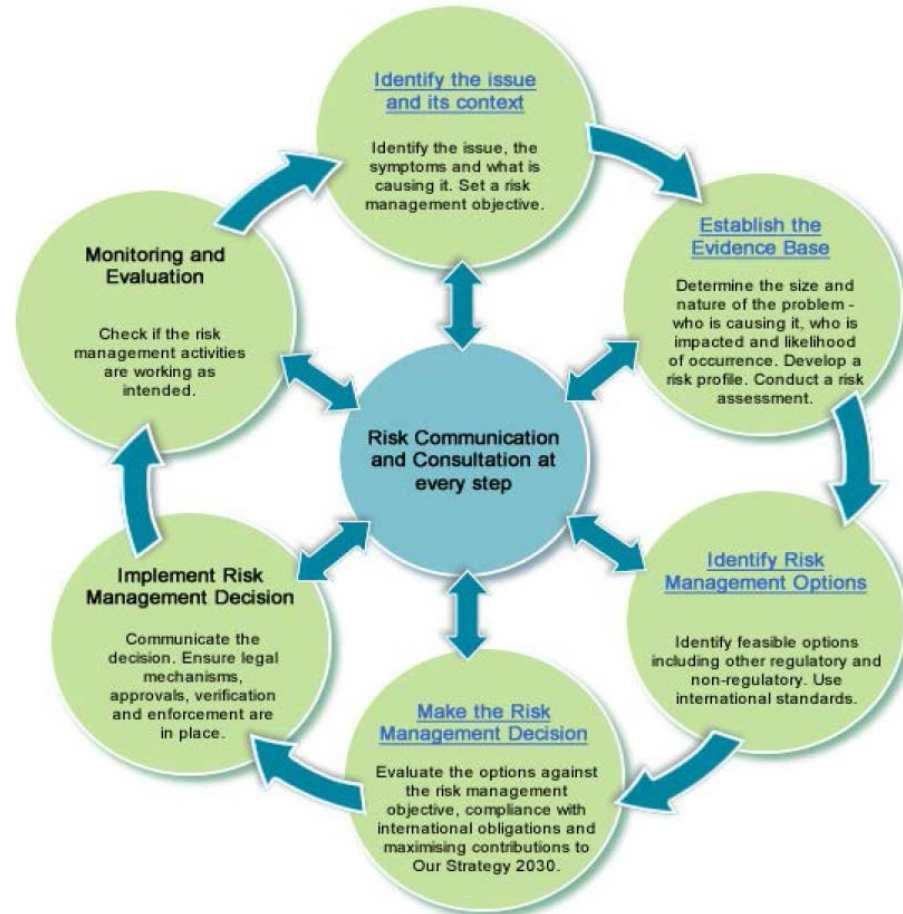
'Assured' New Zealand Exports

Biosecurity Act 1993

Part 3: Importation of risk goods

- Role of Chief Technical Officers and the Director General (delegated)
- s23: IHS development process
- s24: Independent Review Panel (Gazette notice)
- s24A: Issue
- s24B: Amendment, revocation, suspension, reinstatement
- s24C: Public register on MPI's website
- s24D: Post-clearance requirements
- s25-28: Clearances

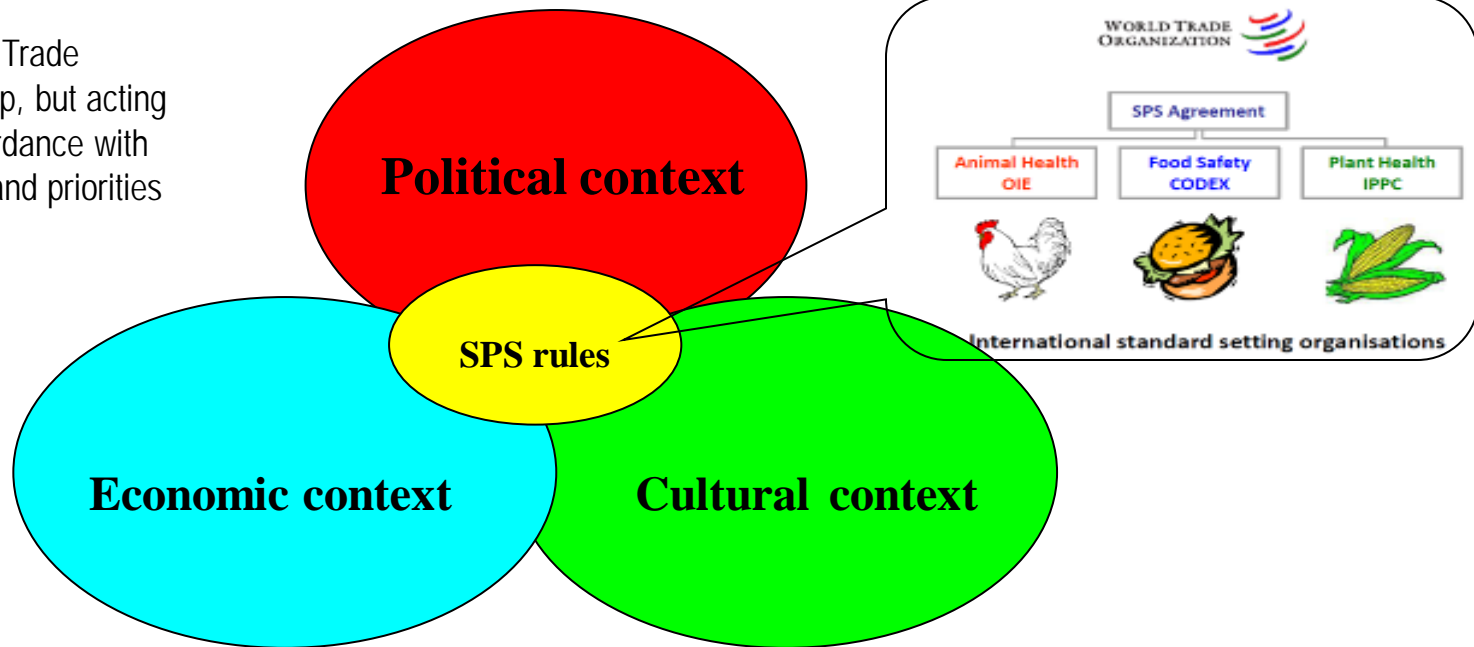
MPI risk management framework



Complexity of international trade

The paradigm that market access issues sit within internationally

Nations bound by World Trade Organization membership, but acting with sovereignty in accordance with national circumstances and priorities



WTO – Sanitary/PhytoSanitary Agreement

Measures

- Must be necessary
- Must be supported by scientific principles
- Must not discriminate
- Based on international standards
- Least trade restrictive

Functions

- Dispute resolution

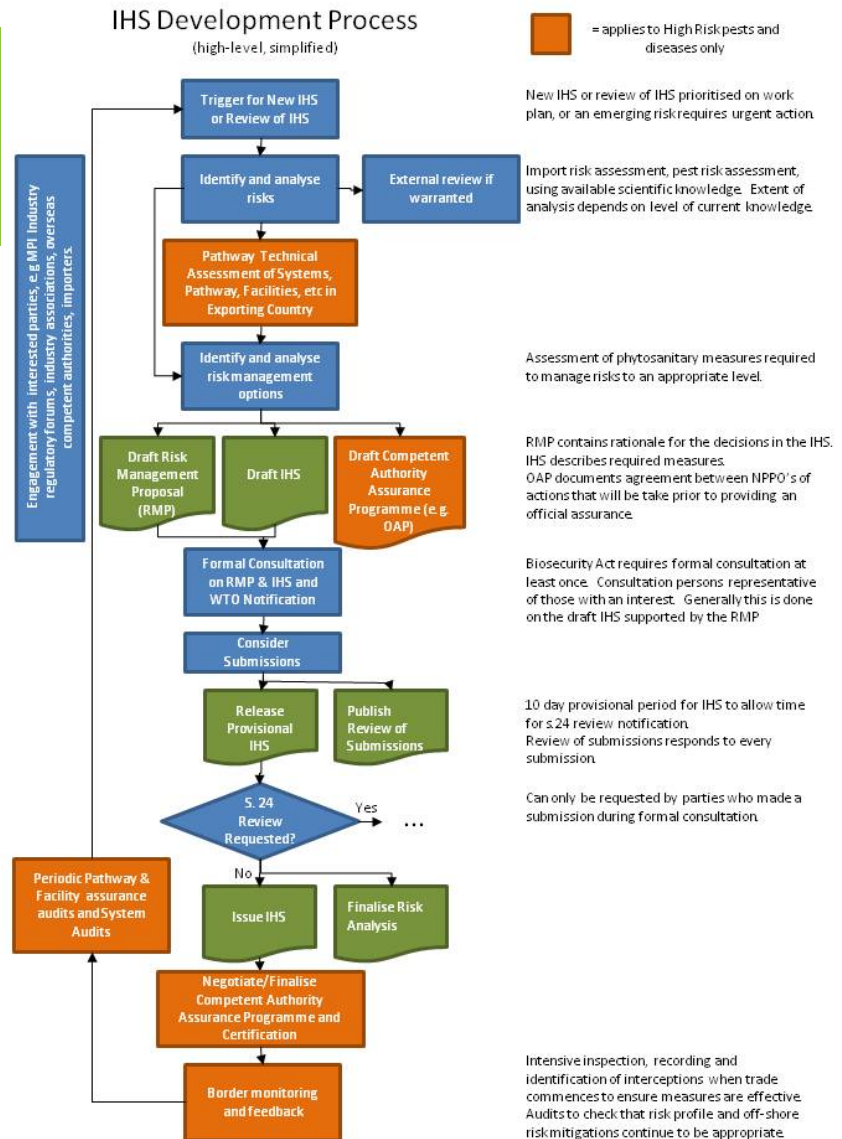
Concepts

- Appropriate level of protection
- Precaution
- Transparency
- Regionalisation
- Equivalence
- Harmonisation

IHS development process

Principles

- Treating stakeholders equitably
- Sound prioritisation frameworks
- Documented processes to meet regulatory requirements
- Joined up planning internally
- Transparency

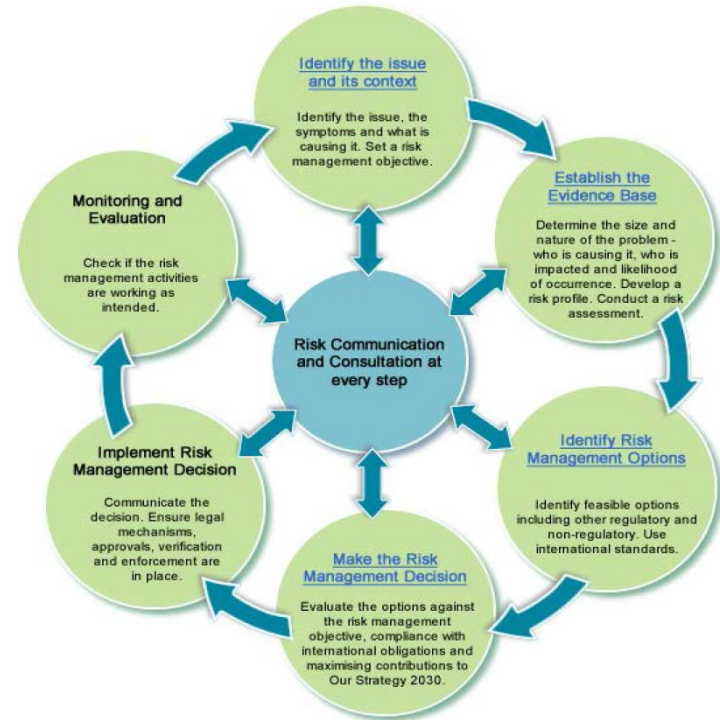


IHS prioritisation framework

- Prioritisation criteria:
 - Importance
 - Strategic fit
 - Net benefit
 - Feasibility
 - Barriers
- Continuous process for new requests
- IHS work programme published on MPI's website

Stakeholder engagement and consultation

- World Trade Organization notification
- Statutory consultation: s23 (3)
 - Internal to MPI
 - Government departments
 - Stakeholders
- Engagement throughout process:
 - Stakeholder councils
 - GERMAC
 - FreshPAC
 - ATAC
 - Bespoke working groups



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Questions and discussion

