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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
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): Products covered include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australian exported processed foods and beverages, edible animal fats and oils, vitamins and supplements, animal feed and feed additives, shells, fertilisers, and human and animal remains;• Re-exported imported goods which have not been re-processed or re-packaged in Australia.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Updates to sanitary certificates for exports from Australia of processed foods and beverages, edible animal fats and oils, vitamins and supplements, animal feed and feed additives, shells, fertilisers, and human and animal remains. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 1 https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/export/certification/nexdoc/transition
6.	Description of content: Australia is replacing the current Export Documentation System (EXDOC) with a system called the Next Export Documentation System (NEXDOC). NEXDOC is designed to make Australia's export documentation system more secure and responsive to changes in trade conditions. Australia's generic export certificate, titled Declaration and Certificate to condition, which is used for a range of goods, will soon transition to the department's NEXDOC system. This certification supports the export of processed foods and beverages, edible animal fats and oils, vitamins and supplements, animal feed and feed additives, shells, fertilisers, and human and animal remains where a model certificate is not used. In addition, Australian export documentation for the re-export of imported goods which have not been processed or repackaged in Australia will soon transition to the department's NEXDOC system. These goods are the next commodities to transition after wool, skins and hides (November 2024), fish (September 2024), eggs (December 2023), honey (2022-2023), and dairy (May 2021). The planned changes do not affect the agreed conditions or attestations for market access, bilaterally agreed information about the consignment details, or the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the department) regulatory controls over exports. However, there are minor changes to formatting and the location of some of the information on the certificate. In addition, the new certificates will have unique Quick Response (QR) codes. The QR codes provide consignment specific information which border officials can use to confirm authenticity of the certificate in real-time. To verify the QR code, border officials scan the code through the official's smart phone camera.

<p>The department proposes the new export certificates (Declaration and Certificate to condition) be issued for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian exports of processed foods and beverages, edible animal fats and oils, vitamins and supplements, animal feed and feed additives, shells, fertilisers and human and animal remains; • Australian re-exports of imported goods which have not been re-processed or re-packaged in Australia. <p>This will commence from 10 February 2025, with a staged rollout until 5 May 2025. There will be a transition period where both the old and new certificates will be in use to allow for transit time (air and sea freight) to the port of destination.</p> <p>Australia is allowing a thirty days comment period.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input 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.</p>
<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CCFICS CAC/GL 38-2001</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 10 February 2025</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 10 January 2025</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 10 February 2025</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 10 February 2025</p> <p>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:</p> <p>Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry GPO Box 858 Australia Canberra ACT 2601 Tel: +(61) 2 6272 3933 E-mail: sps.contact@aff.gov.au Website: http://www.agriculture.gov.au</p>

13. Text(s) available from: ☒ National Notification Authority, ☒ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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