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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

Addendum

The following communication, received on 24 January 2025, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Emergency measures for nursery stock and tissue culture against *Xylella fastidiosa* and related *Xylella* species

On 9 November 2015, Australia notified of the implementation of emergency measures for the import of nursery stock, tissue cultures, cuttings, budwood, rooted plants, corms and bulbs against *Xylella fastidiosa* and related *Xylella* species. Further to notifications: G/SPS/N/AUS/376; G/SPS/N/AUS/376/Add.1; G/SPS/N/AUS/376/Add.2; G/SPS/N/AUS/376/Add.3; G/SPS/N/AUS/376/Add.4; G/SPS/N/AUS/538; G/SPS/N/AUS/557; and G/SPS/N/AUS/376/Add.5, and based on newly-published information about the presence of *X. fastidiosa* in China, Australia now considers China to be a high-risk country for *X. fastidiosa* and related *Xylella* species.

Enhanced regulatory measures are being introduced for imported host nursery stock from China to ensure that Australia's import conditions continue to be effective in reducing the risk of *X. fastidiosa* and related *Xylella* species from entering Australia.

Additionally, Australia is updating its *Xylella* emergency measures to transition from regulating host nursery stock plant material at the family level to the genus level. Australia considers that regulation at genus level provides an appropriate level of protection (ALOP) and will continue to safely facilitate trade in line with international obligations. A list of *Xylella* host genera is available at: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/import/goods/plant-products/how-to-import-plants/xylella/notification-amended-emergency-quarantine-measures>.

Due to the scale of required amendments, these changes will be implemented in two phases:

- Phase 1: Application of import regulations to host genera nursery stock material from China from 31 January 2025. The measures will require host nursery stock material from China to undergo increased testing, treatment and pre-export certification;
- Phase 2: Regulations will transition from family level to genus level for all other exporting countries by the end of 2025. Current import conditions will apply until they are updated.

Further details are available on the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Import Industry Advice Notices webpage: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/import/industry-advice/2025/13-2025>

When published, the revised import conditions will be made available in the Biosecurity Import Conditions system (BICON): <https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0/>.

This addendum concerns a:

- Modification of final date for comments
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified regulation
- Withdrawal of regulation

- Change in period of application of measure
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