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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: AUSTRALIA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Australian Government 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): Inedible animal by-products such as petfood, rendered animal by-products, blood products, pharmaceutical and technical products, animal/stock feed and inedible tallow
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [X] All trading partners [] Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Updates to sanitary certificates for exports from Australia of some inedible animal by-products including petfood, rendered animal by-products, blood products, pharmaceutical and technical products, animal/stock feed and inedible tallow. 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 over time and responsive to changes in trade conditions. Australia's export documentation for some inedible animal by-products including petfood, rendered animal by-products, blood products, pharmaceutical and technical products, animal/stock feed and inedible tallow will soon transition to the NEXDOC platform of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the department). This transition builds on previous successful implementations for dairy (May 2021), honey and edible apiculture products (2022), eggs (December 2023), fish and fish products (September 2024), animal wool, skins and hides (November 2024), and Australia's generic export certificates (May 2025). The department proposes the new export certificates be issued for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australian exports of inedible animal by-products such as petfood, rendered animal by-products, blood products, pharmaceutical and technical products, animal/stock feed and inedible tallow. This change will commence on 27 October 2025. There will be a transition period where both the old and new certificate templates will be in use to allow for transit time (air and sea freight) to the port of destination. It is important to note that not all inedible animal by-products certificates will transition to NEXDOC on this date. Some certificates may continue to be issued in their current agreed

<p>format until they can be transitioned to a NEXDOC certificate. The phased implementation reflects the department's commitment to maintaining trade while modernising export systems.</p> <p>The planned changes do not affect the agreed conditions or attestations for market access, bilaterally agreed information about the consignment details, or the department's regulatory controls over exports. However, there are minor changes to grammar, spelling, 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 that 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> <p>Australia reiterates that the transition to the NEXDOC platform on 27 October 2025 will exclude certain export certifications for inedible animal by-products. In this instance, those templates will retain their current format.</p> <p>Australia is allowing a sixty days comment period.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" 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): 27 October 2025</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 27 October 2025</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 27 October 2025</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 31 October 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 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia 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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