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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: 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): Live domestic dogs
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: Notice of changes to <i>Brucella canis</i> import conditions. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 2 https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/import/industry-advice/2025/403-2025
6.	Description of content: Biosecurity import conditions for the management of <i>Brucella canis</i> are being updated to align with the department's policy review on the Importation of dogs and cats and their semen from approved countries (2013) . The policy review determined that serological testing should be conducted at least one incubation period after the last mating or insemination. This requirement helps mitigate the risk that a dog may be incubating <i>Brucella canis</i> at the time of blood sample collection. Accordingly, dogs must not be naturally mated or artificially inseminated for at least 21 days before blood is collected for <i>Brucella canis</i> testing, and until export. This extends the previous requirement of 14 days. All import permits issued from 2 March 2026 onwards will reflect these updated conditions.
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.

8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 2 March 2026</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 5 December 2025</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 2 March 2026</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable (trade facilitating)</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] 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 (DAFF) 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.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] 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 (DAFF) 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>