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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:**

All trading partners

Specific regions or countries:

**5. Title of the notified document:** Notice of changes to *Brucella canis* 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 *Brucella canis* 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 *Brucella canis* 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 *Brucella canis* 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:**  food safety,  animal health,  plant protection,  protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease,  protect territory from other damage from pests.

**8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**

**Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):**

**World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):**

**International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):**

**None**

**Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**

Yes  No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

**9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:****10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):** 2 March 2026**Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):** 5 December 2025**11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):** 2 March 2026**[X] Trade facilitating measure****12. Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):** Not applicable (trade facilitating)**Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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