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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> AUSTRALIA <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
<b>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):</b> Nursery stock, tissue culture, cuttings, budwood, rooted plants, corms and bulbs
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> New measures for Banana bunchy top virus and Banana bract mosaic virus on <i>Alpinia</i> sp. nursery stock. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 2
<b>6. Description of content:</b> To address risks associated with Banana bunchy top virus (BBTV) and Banana bract mosaic virus (BBrMV) the following enhanced regulatory measures will apply to all permitted <i>Alpinia</i> species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- country freedom certified on phytosanitary certificate; or</li><li>- offshore PCR testing of mother tissue cultures certified on phytosanitary certificate; or</li><li>- 12 months disease screening at the government post entry quarantine facility.</li></ul> For further information of this change and the applicable import conditions please see: New measures for Banana bunchy top virus and Banana bract mosaic virus on <i>Alpinia</i> spp. Nursery stock, <a href="https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/ViewElement/Element/Alert?elementPk=2488166">https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/ViewElement/Element/Alert?elementPk=2488166</a> .
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM 01, ISPM 06, ISPM 08 and ISPM 11 <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>

<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>	
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  <a href="#">74-2026: Updates to nursery stock import requirements to manage plant disease risks - DAFF</a> (available in English)</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 17 June 2026  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> Anticipated late May 2026.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 June 2026  <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 27 July 2026  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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 (DAFF)  GPO Box 858  Canberra ACT 2601  Australia  Tel: +(61) 2 6272 3933  E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps.contact@aff.gov.au">sps.contact@aff.gov.au</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au">http://www.agriculture.gov.au</a></p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <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 (DAFF)  GPO Box 858  Canberra ACT 2601  Australia  Tel: +(61) 2 6272 3933  E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps.contact@aff.gov.au">sps.contact@aff.gov.au</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au">http://www.agriculture.gov.au</a></p>