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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 8 July 2026, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Biosecurity import conditions for natural casings

An issues paper for the import of natural casings for human consumption into Australia has been released for comment from industry and other stakeholders. The paper considers scientific information, supply chain arrangements, manufacturing processes and alignment with international standards: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/natural-casings>.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry previously consulted on this issue between November 2024 and March 2025 as part of an import risk review.

The department is now progressing this assessment as a Biosecurity Import Risk Assessment (BIRA). This is a formal risk assessment process under the *Biosecurity Act 2015*. It provides several opportunities for stakeholder input, oversight by the department's Scientific Advisory Group, and the Inspector General of Biosecurity: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/undertaking-import-risk-analysis/guidelines>.

Comments on this paper can be made via the department's Have your Say page: <https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/casings-issues-paper>.

This addendum concerns a:

- ☐ [] Modification of final date for comments
- ☐ [] Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- ☐ [] Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- ☐ [] Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- ☐ [] Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- ☒ [X] Other: Release of an issues paper and commencement of a Biosecurity Import Risk Assessment (BIRA) process for natural casings for human consumption.

Comment period: (If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)

- ☐ [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 10 August 2026

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