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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 13 January 2017, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Final report for the review of biosecurity import requirements for fresh dragon fruit from Viet Nam

The Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has completed this risk analysis in response to the market access request for dragon fruit from Viet Nam into Australia. The final report recommends that the importation of dragon fruit into Australia from Viet Nam meets Australia's biosecurity requirements subject to a range of risk management measures for fruit flies (three species) and mealybugs (four species). One pest requiring risk management, the Pacific mealybug, has been identified as a regional quarantine pest for Western Australia.

The final report recommends a range of risk management measures, combined with operational systems to reduce the risks posed by the seven quarantine pests to achieve the appropriate level of protection for Australia. These measures are consistent with Australia's existing policy and include:

- area freedom or vapour heat treatment for fruit flies
- consignment freedom verified by visual inspection and, if detected, remedial action for mealybugs.

The completed final report is available in English at:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/plant/dragon-fruit-from-vietnam/final-report>.

The draft report for this risk analysis was published on the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources website on 13 September 2016 for a 60 day stakeholder consultation period and was published as an SPS notification with reference number G/SPS/N/AUS/399.

This addendum concerns a:

- Modification of final date for comments
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- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
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