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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

### *Addendum*

The following communication, received on 27 February 2017, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

#### Biosecurity (Suspended Goods - Uncooked Prawns) Amendment (Exceptions) Determination (No. 2) 2017

On 6 January 2017, the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources suspended the importation of uncooked prawns (including prawn meat) under the Biosecurity (Suspended Goods - Uncooked Prawns) Determination 2017. This was due to an unacceptable level of biosecurity risk posed by white spot syndrome virus (WSSV).

Following review and assessment, the department has amended the Determination to exempt a number of prawn and prawn products that have been deemed to present a low-risk of introducing prawn diseases into Australia, thus reinstating the ability to import these goods into Australian territory.

The goods concerned are:

- uncooked prawns and uncooked prawn meat moved into Australia's External Territories (including Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Norfolk Island) from all origins, and all movements between Australia and the External Territories, and between the External Territories;
- uncooked Australian wild-caught prawns exported to Thailand for processing in a facility approved by Thailand's Department of Fisheries (DoF), and re-exported to Australia; and
- uncooked prawns and uncooked prawn meat (1) as transhipped goods for outgoing passenger vessels engaged in international travels; (2) as laboratory or food samples for analysis.

The amendment of the Determination can be found at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L00168>.

#### **This addendum concerns a:**

- Modification of final date for comments
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified regulation
- Withdrawal of regulation
- Change in period of application of measure
- Other:

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