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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)
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): Powdered infant formula products sold in Australia (both imported and domestically produced)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Proposal P1039 Microbiological Criteria for Infant Formula Language(s): English Number of pages: 18
6. Description of content: Proposal P1039 has been prepared to consider food safety microbiological criteria for infant formula, aligning with international (Codex) standards and has prepared a draft food regulatory measure. Food Safety Criteria for Salmonella and Cronobacter spp have been included within a Schedule in the revised Code, (Schedule 27).
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input 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.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) Code of Hygienic Practice for Powdered Formulae for Infants and Young Children (CAC/RCP 66-2008) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <p>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</p> <p>All proposals to change the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code, must be assessed in the context of the following objectives: (a) the protection of public health and safety; (b) the provision of adequate information relating to food to enable consumers to make informed choices; and (c) the prevention of misleading or deceptive conduct (available in English).</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): FSANZ Board approval anticipated March 2016.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Notification to Government anticipated March 2016 with gazettal and registration of legislative instrument to follow, in May 2016, pending Government consideration.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Date of Gazettal and registration of legislative instrument pending Government consideration (see 10. above).</p> <p>[X] Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 December 2015</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Food Standards Australia New Zealand PO Box 7186 Canberra BC ACT 2610 Australia E-mail: standards.management@foodstandards.gov.au</p> <p>Assessment summary available (in English) from FSANZs website at http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/proposals/Pages/P1039MicroReviewInfantFormula.aspx.</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The Australian SPS Notification Point GPO Box 858 CANBERRA ACT 2601 Australia Email: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p>