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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>AUSTRALIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
<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> Agricultural exports from Australia
<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> Agricultural Export Legislation – Release of Exposure Draft of Export Control Bill 2017. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 2 <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export-legislation/consultation">http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export-legislation/consultation</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Following a review of Australia's export legislation (G/SPS/N/AUS/364) the Australian Government is notifying an Exposure Draft of the Export Control Bill 2017, with proposed improvements to agricultural export legislation.  The Bill will consolidate export-related provisions with the <i>Export Control Act 1982</i> and <i>Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997</i> into a single Export Control Bill. Commodity-specific requirements will then be reflected in Export Control Rules, which will replace the current Export Control Orders without changing their intent.  There is no change to Australia's commitment to meet the importing requirements of our trading partners, and international obligations under the SPS Agreement. Business practices and regulatory requirements will remain consistent between the current and future legislation. The improved export legislation provides a regulatory system that is more responsive and efficient to administer.  To view the full suite of documents, make a submission or to seek further information, visit the Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources website at <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export-legislation">http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export-legislation</a> . Submissions will be accepted until 11:59pm on Tuesday, 24 October 2017 (Australian Eastern Standard Time).
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

8.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export-legislation">http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export-legislation</a> (available in English)</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 28 March 2020</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 28 March 2020</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): 28 March 2020</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></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): 24 October 2017</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>The Australian SPS Notification Authority  GPO Box 858  Canberra ACT 2601  Australia  Fax: +(61 2) 6272 3678  E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>The Australian SPS Notification Authority  GPO Box 858  Canberra ACT 2601  Australia  Fax: +(61 2) 6272 3678  E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p>