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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: AUSTRALIA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
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): General importation of goods to Australia
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: Exposure draft Biosecurity Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2017. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 12
6. Description of content: The Australian Government, through the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, has commenced consultation on an exposure draft of the Biosecurity Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2017 (the Bill). The Bill makes amendments to the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> to enhance operation of Australia's biosecurity framework. The measures included in the Bill will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- enhance information gathering powers to assist in the management of biosecurity risk;- make minor and technical amendments to improve administration of the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources and the Department of Health;- provide an improved ability to amend legislated biosecurity import conditions in response to changing biosecurity risk. Consultation on the exposure draft commenced on 17 November 2017 and will close on 30 January 2018. The Australian Government encourages all interested stakeholders to read the exposure draft and participate in the consultation process via https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/amendments-biosecurity-act .
7. Objective and rationale: <input 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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <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):

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> (available in English)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Unknown Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Unknown</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 January 2018</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>To view the exposure draft please visit: https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/amendments-biosecurity-act.</p> <p>All comments and submissions on the exposure draft must be initiated through this service. An option for postal submissions is also provided through this service.</p> <p>All other inquiries may be directed to biosecuritylegislationcoordination@agriculture.gov.au.</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The Australian SPS Notification Authority GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p>