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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 3 January 2018, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Amended import requirements for retorted goods for human consumption

Australia has, in line with notification on 10 August 2016, changed the import requirements for retorted goods for human consumption. From 19 January 2018 consignments of retorted goods for human consumption will be required to be accompanied by government certification. Previously a combination of government endorsed manufacturers' declarations and government certificates was required. The move to a single set of conditions will ensure a consistent approach to imports of retorted products and reduce delays at the border.

Import permits with the new conditions have been being issued for some time. However, by 19 January 2018 all remaining permits with the previous conditions will be changed to the new conditions. This means all imported retorted products must be accompanied by a government certificate after this date. During the period leading up to 19 January 2018 product arriving under the new standard conditions but accompanied by documents meeting previous conditions will be cleared. Retorted products arriving in Australia after 19 January 2018 that do not comply with the new conditions may be subject to re-export or destruction.

The new import conditions for retorted goods for human consumption are available through the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources Biosecurity Import Conditions system (BICON) at: <http://www.bicon.agriculture.gov.au/biconweb4.0>.

This addendum concerns a:

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