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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: Australian Government 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): Brassicaceous crop seeds for sowing
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: Draft review of import conditions for brassicaceous crop seeds for sowing into Australia. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 145 http://www.agriculture.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/biosecurity/risk-analysis/plant-reviews/draft-brassicaceae-report.pdf
6. Description of content: Acknowledging the change in risk profile, the department is undertaking an extensive review of the existing import conditions for vegetable seeds, including those for brassicaceous crops. The review identified two fungal pests, associated with the seeds of several brassicaceous crops, as meeting the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) criteria for a quarantine pest. The identified quarantine pests are <i>Colletotrichum higginsianum</i> and <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>raphani</i> . The unrestricted risks of these quarantine pests do not achieve the appropriate level of protection (ALOP) for Australia. This review evaluated the effectiveness of existing risk management measures for the identified quarantine pests, and proposes additional mandatory phytosanitary measures to reduce the risk of their introduction into Australia. Standard requirements for the importation of seeds for sowing apply to all brassicaceous seeds. The department proposes additional phytosanitary measures for seeds of <i>Brassica oleracea</i> , <i>Brassica rapa</i> , <i>Eruca vesicaria</i> and <i>Raphanus sativus</i> . The proposed additional phytosanitary measures require: – Mandatory fungicidal treatment (off-shore or on-shore) for seeds of <i>Brassica oleracea</i> , <i>Brassica rapa</i> , <i>Eruca vesicaria</i> and <i>Raphanus sativus</i> as specified in this review; – Seed lots treated off-shore to be accompanied by an official government Phytosanitary Certificate endorsed with the additional declaration that the consignment has undergone mandatory treatment in accordance with Australian import conditions.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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.

<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No. 2 and 11</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" 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:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 14 February 2018</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><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): 19 April 2018</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" 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>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" 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 Fax: +(61 2) 6272 3678 E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p> <p>Texts are available at the following links: http://www.agriculture.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/biosecurity/risk-analysis/plant-reviews/draft-brassicaceae-report.pdf http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/plant/brassicaceous-crop-seeds</p>