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**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

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## NOTIFICATION

### *Addendum*

The following communication, received on 27 July 2018, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

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#### Biosecurity Advice 2018/15: New import conditions for breaded, battered and crumbed prawns for human consumption

As set out in Biosecurity Advice 2018/15 published on the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources' website on 27 July 2018 at:

[www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/memos/ba2018-15](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/memos/ba2018-15)

Biosecurity Advice 2018/15 notifies stakeholders of the new import conditions for breaded, battered and crumbed (BBC) prawns imported for human consumption. The notification includes Australia's updated model health certificate for prawns and prawn meat for human consumption, and further information on Australia's biosecurity requirements for the importation of prawns and prawn products for human consumption.

All BBC prawns imported into Australia on or after 28 September 2018 must comply with the new import conditions.

The new conditions considered stakeholder comments received in response to BA 2018/10. Australia has clarified that the par-cooking step (for example, pre-frying, or baking) is to be applied after the prawn has been coated to solidify and adhere the coating to the prawn.

If competent authorities in the exporting country are unable to attest that BBC prawns have undergone a par-cooking step after application of the coating, the prawn products must be managed as per Australia's import conditions for uncooked prawns which requires pre-export and on-arrival disease testing based on sampling and testing methods recognised by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). Further information on importing prawns and prawn products into Australia can be found on Australia's Biosecurity Import Condition database (BICON), available at: <https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0>.

Competent authorities responsible for certifying BBC prawns products for export to Australia, and existing import permit holders will be contacted by the department regarding implementation of the new conditions.

Trading partners that can meet the new import conditions for BBC prawns are requested to provide written confirmation to the department before 28 September 2018.

**This addendum concerns a:**

- ☐ Modification of final date for comments
- ☒ Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- ☐ Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- ☐ Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- ☐ Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- ☐ Other:

**Comment period:** *(If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)*

- ☐ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

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