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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): Onshore biosecurity requirements for nursery stock host genera susceptible to <i>Ceratocystis</i> species, excluding tissue cultures, that are eligible for import into 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: New import conditions for nursery stock host plants of pathogenic fungi <i>Ceratocystis</i> spp. Language(s): English. Number of pages: https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0/ViewElement/Element/Alert?elementPk=1004283
6.	Description of content: The Australian Government has completed a review of exotic <i>Ceratocystis</i> species, their potential impact and the risks posed by the nursery stock pathway. With the exception of a few native species infecting <i>Eucalyptus</i> , and one undescribed species infecting <i>Syngonium</i> , Australia is free from all other species of <i>Ceratocystis</i> . A review of the risk posed by the nursery stock pathway has concluded that inspection alone of susceptible nursery stock host genera is insufficient to manage the risk of <i>Ceratocystis</i> species. Therefore, new measures are implemented. Host genera of quarantine pest <i>Ceratocystis</i> species will require 12 months of post-entry quarantine growth in a closed government facility, with active testing by culturing (or equivalent) for species of <i>Ceratocystis</i> . The following genera are subject to these measures: <i>Acacia</i> , <i>Actinidia</i> , <i>Alocasia</i> , <i>Annona</i> , <i>Arracacia</i> , <i>Betula</i> , <i>Brachystegia</i> , <i>Burkea</i> , <i>Carapa</i> , <i>Carya</i> , <i>Citrus</i> , <i>Coffea</i> , <i>Colocasia</i> , <i>Colophospermum</i> , <i>Combretum</i> , <i>Crotalaria</i> , <i>Cunninghamia</i> , <i>Dalbergia</i> , <i>Eriobotrya</i> , <i>Eucalyptus</i> , <i>Faurea</i> , <i>Ficus</i> , <i>Gmelina</i> , <i>Hevea</i> , <i>Ipomoea</i> , <i>Julbernadia</i> , <i>Mangifera</i> , <i>Manihot</i> , <i>Metrosideros</i> , <i>Ochna</i> , <i>Ozoroa</i> , <i>Parinari</i> , <i>Passiflora</i> , <i>Platanus</i> , <i>Populus</i> , <i>Protea</i> , <i>Prunus</i> , <i>Punica</i> , <i>Quercus</i> , <i>Rapanea</i> , <i>Schizolobium</i> , <i>Schotia</i> , <i>Spathodea</i> , <i>Styrax</i> , <i>Syzygium</i> , <i>Terminalia</i> , <i>Theobroma</i> , <i>Tilia</i> and <i>Xanthosoma</i> . This will apply to imports from all countries. As the majority of these host genera are low volume imports that already require growth and testing in post entry quarantine, it is anticipated that there will be minimal impact to trade. Tissue cultures and seed are excluded from these measures as they are deemed to be a low risk pathway for these fungi.

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.
8.	<p>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 N° 8 and 10</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>
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 31 May 2019</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 31 May 2019</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 31 May 2019</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 16 July 2019</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>The Australian SPS Notification Authority GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p>
13.	<p>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>