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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, Water and the Environment
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): Cooked and uncooked prawns for human consumption
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: Review of the biosecurity risks of prawns imported from all countries for human consumption - draft report. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 346
6. Description of content: The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment has released the Review of the biosecurity risks of prawns imported from all countries for human consumption - draft report (the review) for a 110 day consultation period. <p>The review was undertaken in response to the white spot disease outbreak that occurred in south-east Queensland in 2016-17, and in recognition of new and emerging diseases and advances in scientific knowledge since the release of the Generic import risk analysis report for prawns and prawn products 2009. The review has taken into account current scientific information, international standards developed by the World Organisation for Animal Health, policies adopted by other countries for the importation of prawns, advice from international scientific experts, submissions received from stakeholders, relevant industry practices and operational practicalities.</p> <p>The review identified 10 hazards of biosecurity concern for imported prawns. We undertook risk assessments for each and proposed measures to manage the biosecurity risks.</p> <p>The draft report proposes that prawns continue to be permitted import into Australia, subject to compliance with a range of biosecurity measures.</p> <p>The draft report can be accessed at https://haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/review-of-the-biosecurity-risks-of-imported-prawns. Stakeholders are invited to provide comments on the draft report by 15 January 2021.</p> <p>The department will carefully consider all submissions before preparing the final report.</p>
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input 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 type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <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:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Mid-2021</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 28 September 2020</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Mid-2021</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): 15 January 2021</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input 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 Email: sps.contact@awe.gov.au</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input 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 Email: sps.contact@awe.gov.au</p>