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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 31 March 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of <u>Australia</u>.

Updated implementation advice for revised import conditions for apiaceous vegetable seeds for sowing

Further to advice provided in notification G/SPS/N/AUS/436, Australia will suspend the mandatory fungicide treatment requirement for imported *Daucus carota* (carrot) and *Foeniculum vulgare* (fennel) seeds for sowing to allow stakeholders time to identify and provide a submission on proposed alternative risk mitigation measures equivalent to fungicidal treatment, for consideration by the department. Information on the recognition of alternative measures for seeds for sowing are provided in Section 4.5 of the department's Final review of import conditions for apiaceous vegetable seeds for sowing.

Australia will review the implementation of the fungicide treatment requirement by October 2021.

The import conditions will be available on the Australia's Biosecurity Import Conditions (BICON) system: <u>https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0/</u>.

As advised in G/SPS/N/AUS/512, an import permit is now required for seed of *Anthriscus cerefolium*, *Apium graveolens*, *F. vulgare*, *Pastinaca sativa* and *Petroselinum crispum*.

Australia published the *Final review of import conditions for apiaceous vegetable seeds for sowing* on 29 March 2021.

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