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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 15 April 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Amendment to Australia's Biosecurity Act 2015

The Biosecurity Amendment (Clarifying Conditionally Non-Prohibited Goods) Act 2021 (the Act) commenced on 1 April 2021. It amends the *Biosecurity Act 2015* to confirm that determinations made under subsection 174(1) of the Biosecurity Act prior to the commencement of this Act should for all purposes be taken to be, and always to have been, valid. It does not create or change classes of goods listed in the determinations or the conditions that are imposed on such goods. Rather, it confirms that the goods specified in determinations made prior to the commencement of the amendment were, and continue to be, conditionally non-prohibited goods until such time as a new determination is made.

These amendments only relate to ensuring compliance with Australian domestic law, and do not affect Australia's commitments under the WTO SPS Agreement.

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
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- Other:

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

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