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## NOTIFICATION

### *Addendum*

The following communication, received on 2 June 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

#### Implementation of revised import conditions for tomato seed for sowing

As notified under G/SPS/N/AUS/455/Add.1, the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (the department) has finalised the pest risk analysis for *Pepino mosaic virus* and pospiviroids associated with tomato seeds.

On 23 June 2021, the department will implement the recommendations of the pest risk analysis:

1. Removal of testing requirement for *Tomato planta macho viroid*:  
Imported tomato seeds will no longer need to be tested for *Tomato planta macho viroid* as this pathogen is not considered to be associated with the seed pathway.

2. Reduced regulation for wild tomato species:  
Seeds of the following wild tomato species will no longer need to be tested for *Pepino mosaic virus* (PepMV), *Potato spindle tuber viroid* (PSTVd), *Columnnea latent viroid* (CLVd), *Pepper chat fruit viroid* (PCFVd), *Tomato apical stunt viroid* (TASVd) and *Tomato chlorotic dwarf viroid* (TCDVd):

- *Solanum chilense*;
- *Solanum chmielewskii*;
- *Solanum parviflorum*;
- *Solanum peruvianum*;
- *Solanum pimpinellifolium*.

The above seed species are not known to be a pathway for the listed pathogens.

3. Increased sample size requirements for *Pepino mosaic virus* testing:  
Testing of *Solanum lycopersicum* seed lots for *Pepino mosaic virus* (PepMV) will need to be performed using a sample of 20,000 seeds. This replaces the current 3,000 seed sample requirement for *Pepino mosaic virus*. Testing for *Pepino mosaic virus* must occur using enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) or polymerase chain reaction (PCR), either prior to export or on-arrival at a department-approved laboratory in Australia.

Transitional arrangement for revised PePMV testing requirement: The increase in sample size for PepMV testing will apply to any seed lot tested on or after 23 June 2021. As a transitional arrangement, any seed lot tested and found negative for PepMV before 23 June 2021 can continue to be imported under previous conditions using a testing sample of 3,000 seeds, subject to complying with specified conditions.

Further information on the upcoming changes in import conditions are outlined within Australia's Biosecurity Import Conditions (BICON) system:

<https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0/ImportConditions/Questions/EvaluateCase?elementID=0000098371&elementVersionID=232>. Once published, the revised import conditions will be made available within BICON.

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