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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 17 November 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Revised import conditions for apiaceous seeds for planting

Australia advises the withdrawal of regulation of '*Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum*' associated with apiaceous seeds for planting.

The *Final pest risk analysis for 'Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum'* (G/SPS/N/AUS/512) recommended pest risk management measures for seeds for planting and tissue cultures of six apiaceous species (*Anthriscus cerefolium* - chervil, *Apium graveolens* - celery, *Daucus carota* - carrot, *Foeniculum vulgare* - fennel, *Pastinaca sativa* - parsnip and *Petroselinum crispum* - parsley). In 2021, this policy was adopted in the '*Final review of import conditions for apiaceous vegetable seeds for sowing*'.

Australia continually monitors relevant science and other information, and import conditions are revised when technically justified. Significant new scientific research has become available since the release of both policies that demonstrates that seed transmission of *Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum* (CaLso) does not occur in apiaceous species.

Consequently, there is no technical justification to continue measures for CaLso on apiaceous seed for planting. The need for a polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test or hot water treatment (HWT) for CaLso on carrot, celery/celeriac, chervil, fennel, parsley, and parsnip seed for planting will end, effective 1 December 2021. However, measures will be retained for CaLso in tissue cultures of these six apiaceous species.

Measures announced in 2021 for *Diaporthe angelicae* and *Strawberry latent ring spot virus* on apiaceous seed for planting will remain and await implementation.

This addendum concerns a:

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