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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> AUSTRALIA <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
<b>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):</b> Live domestic dogs and cats and canine semen
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Review of the rabies virus risk in imported dogs, cats and canine semen from approved countries – draft report. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 2 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/AUS/22_7095_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/AUS/22_7095_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Australia has released a draft review of the rabies virus risk in imported dogs and cats and canine semen from approved countries for public comment on 20 October 2022. There will be a 30-day consultation period prior to finalisation due to the serious nature of the biosecurity risk. Stakeholders are invited to provide comments on the technical aspects of the proposed measures by 21 November 2022.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Terrestrial Animal Health Code Chapter 8.14 <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>

<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> Not applicable <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> Not applicable
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> <b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 21 November 2022 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry GPO Box 858 Tel: +(61 2) 6272 3933 Email: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au Website: <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au">http://www.agriculture.gov.au</a>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry GPO Box 858 Tel: +(61 2) 6272 3933 Email: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au Website: <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au">http://www.agriculture.gov.au</a>