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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
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): Fish and fish products for use as pet food and stockfeed
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Animal Biosecurity Advice 2022-A07 - Heat treatment as a risk management measure for fish and fish products for use as pet food and stockfeed. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 3
6. Description of content: As set out in Animal Biosecurity Advice 2022-A07 (https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/memos), from 31 October 2022, revised import conditions will apply for fish and fish products imported into Australia for use as pet food and stockfeed. Following public consultation on a review of a prescribed heat treatment and a further review of scientific information, revised import conditions for fish and fish products imported into Australia for use as pet food and stockfeed are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fish product material of salmonid origin for use as pet food and stockfeed must have been treated to meet the following condition:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Moist heated to a core temperature of at least 85 °C for at least 25 minutes, or, to an equivalent core temperature and specified time agreed by the department.◦ The current restrictions on the percentage of salmonid material contained in the fish products (no more than 2%) will no longer apply.• Fish products containing only material of non-salmonid fish for use as pet food and stockfeed (excluding non-salmonid fish products sourced from New Zealand) must meet existing conditions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Moist heated to a core temperature for at least 85 °C for at least 15 minutes, or, at least 80°C for a least 20 minutes, or to an equivalent core temperature and specified time agreed by the department.• All fish products must have been processed and packaged in premises approved by and under the control of the Competent Authority• All fish products must have been manufactured from ingredients which have not been derived from terrestrial or avian animals. This includes egg products, dairy products and feathers. An alert to the new conditions will be published in the Australian Biosecurity Import Conditions database (BICON) at https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0/Home/Notice/ .

7.	Objective and rationale: <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.
8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Section 10 of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Aquatic Animal Health Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: The World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) has standards for pasteurised fish products for any purpose related to diseases listed by the WOAH in the relevant chapters of Section 10 of the Aquatic Animal Health Code. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has undertaken this assessment based on infection with infectious pancreatic necrosis virus (IPNV), which is not currently a disease listed by WOAH. However, IPNV is exotic to Australia, and a disease of concern to Australia. Therefore, the changes to import policy are based on the outcomes of this assessment.</p>
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 31 October 2022</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 31 October 2022</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 31 October 2022</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT Australia 2601 Tel: +(61 2) 6272 3933 E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au Website: http://www.agriculture.gov.au</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT Australia 2601 Tel: +(61 2) 6272 3933 E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au Website: http://www.agriculture.gov.au</p>