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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> Nursery stock (tissue culture, cuttings, budwood, rooted plants, corms and bulbs) and seed for sowing
<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> Pest risk analysis for bacterial pathogens in the genus <i>Xylella</i> - draft report. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 121 Further information on the risk analysis, draft report and announcement information paper can be found via the following link: <a href="https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/plant/xylella">https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/plant/xylella</a> .
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry initiated a pest risk analysis to assess the biosecurity risks of all <i>Xylella</i> species, and to determine whether the emergency measures manage the biosecurity risks associated with the trade in commercially produced plants for planting and seeds for sowing. The draft report contains details of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Xylella</i> as a plant pathogen, including an overview of biology, insect vectors, plants hosts, geographical distribution, transmission pathways, diagnosis and treatment;</li><li>• Pest risk assessment of <i>Xylella</i> spp. associated with nursery stock and seed for sowing;</li><li>• Pest risk management which proposes risk management measures, combined with operational systems, and/or a period of post-entry quarantine in Australia prior to release, to ensure biosecurity standards are met.</li></ul> This pest risk analysis relates to following SPS notifications regarding emergency measures for nursery stock, tissue culture and seed for sowing pathways against <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> and related <i>Xylella</i> species: G/SPS/N/AUS/376, G/SPS/N/AUS/376/Add.1, G/SPS/N/AUS/376/Add.2, G/SPS/N/AUS/376/Add.3, G/SPS/N/AUS/376/Add.4 and G/SPS/N/AUS/538.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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):

<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> ISPM 2 and ISPM 11</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 16 December 2022</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 March 2023</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Tel: +(61 2) 6272 3933 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au">sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au">http://www.agriculture.gov.au</a></p>
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