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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> AUSTRALIA <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
3.	<b>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
4.	<b>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:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Review of the rabies virus risk in imported dogs, cats and canine semen from approved countries – Final report. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 72 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/AUS/23_0400_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/AUS/23_0400_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Australia released the <i>Review of rabies virus risk in imported dogs, cats and canine semen from approved countries – Final report</i> on 12 January 2023. All comments on the draft report for this policy review were considered in the finalisation process.  The new import conditions will be implemented from 1 March 2023. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry will contact all affected import permit holders to provide advice about how these changes affect their permits. Further details on the import conditions will be provided on the department's website at <a href="https://agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/cats-dogs/step-by-step-guides">agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/cats-dogs/step-by-step-guides</a> prior to implementation.  Model certification including veterinary export health certificates have been provided which can be used to facilitate trade immediately after implementation. Australia would like to commence negotiation of specific veterinary health certificates with all approved countries by 1 September 2023.
7.	<b>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.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> Terrestrial Animal Health Code Chapters 2.1 and 8.14 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b>

<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>          The model certification has been provided (available in English):  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/AUS/23_0400_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/AUS/23_0400_01_e.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 March 2023</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 12 January 2023</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): 1 March 2023</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): Not applicable</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. 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 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>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" 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 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>