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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: AUSTRALIA 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): Prawn and prawn products for human consumption
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: Biosecurity Advice 2023-A10: Final import conditions for prawns and prawn products. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 5 https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/memos
6.	Description of content: On 28 August 2023 the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the department) released Animal Biosecurity Advice (ABA) 2023-A10 advising of the final import conditions for prawns and prawn products imported into Australia. In response to ABA 2023-A06, the department received comments from three stakeholders during the 60-day comment period. These comments were considered when finalising the import conditions for prawns and prawn products. From 30 October 2023, the department will begin implementing changes to the import conditions for prawns and prawn products for human consumption as outlined in ABA 2023-A06 and ABA 2023-A10 which are available on the department's website: https://agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/memos . Australia's updated model health certificate for prawns and prawn meat for human consumption is attached. The wording of the model health certificate has not changed since the release of the previous SPS notification proposing these changes and requesting comment (G/SPS/N/AUS/565 , published on 9 June 2023). Australia's trading partners will need to provide a revised health certificate to the department for approval. Trading partners are encouraged to implement required certification changes in a timely manner to prevent disruptions to trade.
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 type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is implementing these import conditions supported by a scientific import risk analysis; the final report for the Review of the biosecurity risks of prawns imported from all countries for human consumption.</p> <p>The final report for the prawn review is available on the department's website: https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/prawns.</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <p>Model health certificate: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/AUS/23_10065_00_e.pdf (available in English)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 30 October 2023</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 28 August 2023</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 October 2023</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. Comments sought via G/SPS/N/AUS/565.</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] 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: sps.contact@aff.gov.au Website: http://www.agriculture.gov.au</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] 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: sps.contact@aff.gov.au Website: http://www.agriculture.gov.au</p>