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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> Dehydrated and pre-sterilised microbiological media
<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> Import risk review for dehydrated and pre-sterilised microbiological media: draft report. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 93 <a href="https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/dehydrated-and-pre-sterilised-microbiological-media">https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/dehydrated-and-pre-sterilised-microbiological-media</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has released the Import risk review for dehydrated and pre-sterilised microbiological media: draft report (the review) for a 60-day consultation period.  This review aims to modernise Australia's dehydrated and pre-sterilised microbiological media import conditions to appropriately reflect the level of biosecurity risk and simplify import permit conditions. It considers the biosecurity risks associated with importing (from any country) dehydrated and pre-sterilised microbiological media. It takes into account new and relevant peer-reviewed scientific information, international standards, relevant changes in industry practices and operational practicalities.  The review identified two hazards of biosecurity concern for imported dehydrated and pre-sterilised microbiological media. Risk assessments were undertaken for each hazard and measures were proposed to manage the biosecurity risks.  The draft report proposes baseline risk management measures for dehydrated and pre-sterilised microbiological media and specific risk management will continue to be required for bovine spongiform encephalopathy and scrapie.
<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.

<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <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 type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input 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> Mid 2024.  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 17 October 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): Late 2024.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 16 December 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  Email: <a href="mailto:sps.contact@aff.gov.au">sps.contact@aff.gov.au</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au">http://www.agriculture.gov.au</a></p>
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