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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

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| <b>1. Notifying Member:</b> AUSTRALIA<br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>   |
| <b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources   |
| <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> Uncooked ready-to-eat meat products, including uncooked ready-to-eat dried meat (for example, jerky), uncooked ready-to-eat sausages (for example, salami), uncooked ready-to-eat spreadable sausages (for example, mettwurst)  |
| <b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners (except New Zealand)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:  |
| <b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Proposed changes to the inspection and analysis of uncooked ready-to-eat meat - request for comment. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 3   |
| <b>6. Description of content:</b> Australia is preparing science-based risk statements on the risks associated with certain imported foods. As each risk statement is prepared, they are published on the Food Standards Australia New Zealand website ( <a href="http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/consumer/importedfoods/Pages/FSANZ-advice-on-imported-food.aspx">http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/consumer/importedfoods/Pages/FSANZ-advice-on-imported-food.aspx</a> ).<br><br>In response to the risk statement on uncooked ready-to-eat meat, Australia is proposing changes to the inspection and analysis of uncooked ready-to-eat meat.<br><br>Australia proposes these changes to protect public health and safety and ensure that these ready-to-eat meat products are produced with hygienic controls equivalent to those in Standard 4.2.3 - Production and Processing Standard for Meat of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.<br><br>Under the proposed changes a recognised government certificate would be required for uncooked ready-to-eat meat and these foods could not be imported into Australia without this certificate. The form and content of the certificate would be agreed between Australia and the exporting country following an assessment of whether the uncooked ready-to-eat meat products in the exporting country are produced with hygienic controls equivalent to those in Standard 4.2.3 of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.<br><br>Specific detail on the proposed changes is available at <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/goods/food/notices/ifn-18-16">http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/goods/food/notices/ifn-18-16</a> .<br><br>It is expected that the changes would take effect in December 2016. |

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| 7.  | <b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input 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><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> Code of Hygienic Practice for Meat (CAC/RCP 58-2005)</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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> In Australia, the applicable standard for uncooked ready-to-eat meat products specifies that these foods must comply with Standard 4.2.3 of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.</p> |
| 9.  | <b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>   |
| 10. | <p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> December 2016</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 13 October 2016</p>  |
| 11. | <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): December 2016</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>   |
| 12. | <p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 13 December 2016 (9 a.m. Australia Eastern Daylight Time)</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>The Australian SPS Notification Point<br/>GPO Box 858<br/>Canberra ACT 2601<br/>Australia<br/>Fax: +(61 2) 6272 3678<br/>E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p>  |
| 13. | <p><b>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>The Australian SPS Notification Point<br/>GPO Box 858<br/>Canberra ACT 2601<br/>Australia<br/>Fax: +(61 2) 6272 3678<br/>E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p> <p>Specific detail on the proposed changes is available at<br/><a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/goods/food/notices/ifn-18-16">http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/goods/food/notices/ifn-18-16</a>.</p>  |