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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: <u>AUSTRALIA</u>
 - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- 2. Agency responsible: Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)
- 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): Foods sold in Australia (both imported and domestically produced). Raw unprocessed swine products.
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- Title of the notified document: Assessment summary for maximum residue limits for avilamycin in specific pig commodities (Application A1133). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 16
- 6. **Description of content:** This Application seeks to amend the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (Code) to align maximum residue limits for the veterinary chemical avilamycin in specific pig commodities, with certain limits established by Codex relating to the safe and effective use of agricultural and veterinary chemicals. The document includes a summary of the scientific risk assessment and risk assessment methodology and proposed draft variation to the Code.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
 - [X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CAC/MRL 2 Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) and Risk Management Recommendations (RMRs) for Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods, 2015.
 - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
 - [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

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- **9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (Schedule 20) (available in English)
- **10. Proposed date of adoption (***dd/mm/yy***):** FSANZ Board approval anticipated February 2017.

Proposed date of publication (*dd/mm/yy*)**:** Notification to Government anticipated mid-February 2017 with gazettal and registration as a legislative instrument to follow, in late April 2017, pending Government consideration.

- **11. Proposed date of entry into force:** [] **Six months from date of publication**, **and/or (***dd/mm/yy***):** Date of Gazettal and registration as a legislative instrument pending Government consideration (see 10. above).
 - **[X] Trade facilitating measure** The Application includes measures to address differences between MRLs listed in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code and Codex. The proposed MRL variations would further align the Code with Codex and facilitate trade between international trading partners for certain food products.
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 13 January 2017

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

Food Standards Australia New Zealand PO Box 7186 Canberra BC ACT 2610 Australia Fax: +(61 2) 6271 2278 E-mail: standards.management@foodstandards.gov.au Assessment summary available (in English) from FSANZs website at http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/applications/Pages/A1133MRLs-for-Avilamycin.aspx

13. Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

Documents are available from the Food Standards Australia New Zealand website: http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/changes/Pages/Documents-for-publiccomment.aspx Copies are also available from: The Australian SPS Notification Point GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 AUSTRALIA Fax: +(61 2) 6272 3678 E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au