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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> 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): Live sturgeon
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: Import of live sturgeon for aquaculture – Biosecurity import risk analysis provisional report. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 408 https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/live-sturgeon-for-aquaculture
6.	Description of content: The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has released the provisional report for the <i>Biosecurity import risk analysis of live sturgeon for aquaculture</i> (the sturgeon BIRA). The sturgeon BIRA assesses the biosecurity risks associated with the import of live sturgeon (<i>Acipenser</i> and <i>Huso</i> species) from all countries for aquaculture. The provisional BIRA report proposes that <i>Acipenser</i> and <i>Huso</i> species be permitted import into Australia, provided they comply with appropriate biosecurity measures. These measures include sourcing from disease-free stocks, pre-export and post-arrival quarantine, parasite treatment, egg disinfection and testing for disease agents. The provisional BIRA report can be accessed at https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/live-sturgeon-for-aquaculture . As per the <i>Biosecurity Regulation 2016</i> , release of the provisional report initiates a 30-calendar day Inspector General of Biosecurity (IGB) referral period. If referred, the IGB will only review the process used to conduct the sturgeon BIRA, not the science within the report. This referral period will close on 11:59 pm, Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST), 11 April 2024. If there is no referral or the IGB decides that a review is not appropriate, the provisional report will be published as the final BIRA report as soon as practical.
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:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Late 2024.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 12 March 2024</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Late 2024.</p> <p><input 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): 11 April 2024</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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: 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, <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: sps.contact@aff.gov.au Website: http://www.agriculture.gov.au</p>