



**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> Sea freight consignments of containerized and break bulk cargo
<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> AusTreat. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 21 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/AUS/24_04342_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/AUS/24_04342_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is introducing AusTreat, a government to industry pre-border biosecurity treatment provider assurance scheme replacing the existing Offshore Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) Treatment Providers Scheme.  AusTreat will affect stakeholders involved with importing goods that require treatment to address the risk of BMSB during the BMSB risk season.  Treatment providers will be able to register for AusTreat from June 2024 ahead of the 2024/25 BMSB risk season.  This document will open for review in 12 months and be free to comment on by international governments.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>

<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><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  This document builds on measures in G/SPS/N/AUS/432 (released in August 2017) and relevant addenda (released in January and September 2018). As well as G/SPS/N/AUS/479 (released in July 2019) and relevant addenda (released in July 2020, June 2021 and July 2023).</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 July 2024  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 July 2024</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): 1 July 2024  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 6 September 2024  <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:    Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  GPO Box 858  Canberra ACT 2601  Australia  Tel: +(61) 2 6272 3933  E-mail: <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>
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:    Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  GPO Box 858  Canberra ACT 2601  Australia  Tel: +(61) 2 6272 3933  E-mail: <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>