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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: AUSTRALIA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
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): All imported foods
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: Proposals for changes to the imported food regulations. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 16 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/AUS/16_5258_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (the department) is seeking submissions on a range of policy proposals under the Imported Food Control Regulations 1993 (the Regulations). These proposals are being considered as part of the department's review of the Regulations which are required to be remade prior to their expiry on 1 October 2018. Specific detail on the remaking of these regulations is available here: http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/goods/food/imported-food-control-regulations . It is expected that these changes would take effect after December 2017 and before October 2018.
7. Objective and rationale: <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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Principles for Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification (CAC/GL 20-1995)- Guidelines For The Design, Operation, Assessment and Accreditation of Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CAC/GL 26-1997)- Guidelines For The Development of Equivalence Agreements Regarding Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CAC/GL 34-1999)- Guidelines for Food Import Control Systems (CAC/GL 47-2003)- Guidelines for the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certifications Systems (CAC/GL 53-2003)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guidelines for the Exchange of Information in Food Safety Emergency Situations (CAC/GL 19-1997) - Guidelines for the exchange of information between countries on rejections of imported food (CAC/GL 25-1997) - Principles for Electronic Certification as an Appendix to the Codex Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CAC/GL 38-2001) - Principles for Traceability/Product Tracing as a Tool within a Food Inspection and Certification System (CAC/GL 60-2006) - Principles and guidelines for the conduct of assessment of foreign official inspection and certification systems (Annex to the Guidelines for the design, operation, assessment and accreditation of food import and export inspection and certification systems (CAC/GL 26-1997) (N07-2008) - Guidelines for National Food Control Systems (CAC/GL 82-2013) - General guidelines on sampling (CAC/GL 50-2004) <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 type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Mid-December 2017 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Mid-December 2017</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Before October 2018 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 24 February 2017 (5 pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time)</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The Australian SPS Notification Authority GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Fax: +(61 2) 6272 3678 E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: The</p> <p>Australian SPS Notification Authority GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Fax: +(61 2) 6272 3678 E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p>