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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: 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): Declared low value goods (valued at AUD \$1,000 or less) being brought into Australian territory by air or sea
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: Biosecurity cost recovery arrangement – Cost Recovery Implementation Statement: 2024-25. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 37 https://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/fees/biosecurity-cris
6.	Description of content: The cost recovery implementation statement (CRIS) provides information on how the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry implements cost recovery for biosecurity and imported food regulatory activities. As part of the Australian Government's election commitment to sustainably fund the Commonwealth biosecurity system, announced in the 2023-24 Federal Budget, it was agreed that current industry biosecurity cost recovery arrangements would be extended to low value goods imported into Australian territory. These costs are currently being met by general taxpayers. Revenue raised from this new charge will flow directly to biosecurity. The volume and diversity of low value goods coming into Australia, via air or sea, and the underlying countries of origin, have been steadily increasing. This largely reflects the growing international e-commerce market. In 2022-23, over 85 million items were brought in. However, as with other cargo and mail items, Australia is facing growing biosecurity risks on through pathway. Our biosecurity efforts, in partnership with industry, need to support efficient clearance of low-risk items while ensuring adequate protections against potential risks introduced by higher risk items.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <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):

<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>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Self Assessed Clearances cost recovery webpage: Self-Assessed Clearances cost recovery - DAFF (agriculture.gov.au) - Sustainable biosecurity funding - DAFF (agriculture.gov.au) - Budget 2023-24 - Sustainable funding for a strong biosecurity system (agriculture.gov.au) <p>(available in English)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 October 2024</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 October 2024</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 October 2024</p> <p><input checked="" 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): 1 October 2024</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Australian Government 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>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Australian Government 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>