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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

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): Fresh ready-to-eat dates; fresh enoki mushrooms; melons that are whole or ready-to-eat cut (fresh or frozen); pufferfish and kava
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: Amendments to the Imported Food Control Order 2019 – Proposed changes to the food safety requirements for dates, enoki mushrooms, melons, pufferfish, and kava. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 38 https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/new-food-safety-requirements
6. Description of content: Australia is proposing new food safety import requirements for dates, enoki mushrooms, melons, pufferfish and kava. A consultation paper has been prepared to provide detail and invite comments on the proposed changes. Submissions can be prepared and lodged through the following link: https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/new-food-safety-requirements . The proposed changes are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fresh ready-to-eat dates – imports will need a valid mandatory food safety management certificate;• Fresh enoki mushrooms – imports will be inspected and tested for <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>. Detection of the pathogen in any sample will not be permitted;• Whole or ready-to-eat cut (fresh or frozen) melons – imports will need a valid mandatory food safety management certificate. Imports of ready-to-eat cut melon will also be inspected and tested for <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> and <i>Salmonella</i> spp.;• Pufferfish – imports will need a valid mandatory foreign government certificate;• Kava – imports from New Zealand will be inspected.
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): CXC 1-1969, CXG 93-2021, CXG 26-1997, CXG 34-1999, CXS 336R-2020

<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?</p> <p><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: Imported Food Control Order 2019: Federal Register of Legislation - Imported Food Control Order 2019 (available in English)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 December 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>The Australian SPS Notification Authority GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia E-mail: sps.contact@aff.gov.au</p>
<p>13. 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>The Australian SPS Notification Authority GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia E-mail: sps.contact@aff.gov.au</p>