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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Australia**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment |
| **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 apple fruit from the Pacific Northwest states of the United States of America. |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]****All trading partners** **[****X]** **Specific regions or countries:** United States of America |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Draft report for the review of biosecurity import requirements for fresh apple fruit from the Pacific Northwest states of the United States of America.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 375<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/plant/apples-usa-2018> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The draft report proposes that the importation of commercially produced fresh apple fruit to Australia from all production areas of the Pacific Northwest states of Idaho, Oregon and Washington, USA (PNW-USA) be permitted, subject to a range of biosecurity requirements.The draft report contains details of pests that are of biosecurity concern to Australia and are potentially associated with the importation of fresh apple fruit from the PNW-USA, the risk assessments for the identified quarantine pests, and the proposed risk management measures to reduce biosecurity risks to an acceptable level. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [ ]****animal health, [****X]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.**  |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:****[ ]****Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** **[ ]****World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** **[****X]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:*** ISPM 2 and ISPM 11.

**[ ]****None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[****X]** **Yes [ ]****No****If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:**  |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**  |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 23 October 2020 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.**[ ]****Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 21 January 2021**Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** The Australian SPS Notification AuthorityGPO Box 858Canberra ACT 2601; AustraliaE-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au  |
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