NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** AUSTRALIA  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Australian Government 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 (chilled and frozen) beef and beef products |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X]** **All trading partners**  **[****]** **Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Animal biosecurity risks of fresh beef and beef products derived from bovines born and raised in Canada or Mexico and legally imported and slaughtered in the United States – Draft report.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 54  [https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/fresh-chilled-frozen-beef](https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/fresh-chilled-frozen-beef" \t "_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the department) has released the draft review for the *Animal biosecurity risks of fresh beef and beef products derived from bovines born and raised in Canada or Mexico and legally imported and slaughtered in the United States* for comment.  The draft review focusses on whether the biosecurity risk of fresh (chilled and frozen) beef and beef products derived from bovines born and raised in Canada or Mexico and legally imported and slaughtered in the United States is different to product derived from bovines born, raised and slaughtered in the United States.  The findings of the draft review support that the current United States Department of Agriculture protocols for the import of bovines from Canada and Mexico apply control measures which can address Australia's biosecurity concerns for beef sourced from immediate slaughter and other-than-immediate slaughter bovines legally imported from Canada and immediate slaughter, feeder and breeder bovines legally imported from Mexico.  The draft review can be accessed at <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/fresh-chilled-frozen-beef>.  Trading partners are invited to provide comments on the draft review until 11:59 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) 20 May 2024.  Comments may also be submitted through this website: <https://app.converlens.com/agriculture-au/us-beef-sourced-from-canadian-or-mexican-cattle>.  The department will carefully consider all comments while preparing the final review. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****]****food safety, [****X]****animal health, [****]****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)*:**  **[****X]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2023, Chapter 3.3  **[****]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****]** **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)*:** 20 March 2024 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined  **[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 20 May 2024  **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:**  Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  GPO Box 858  Canberra ACT 2601  Australia  Tel: +(61) 2 6272 3933  Email: [sps.contact@aff.gov.au](mailto:sps.contact@aff.gov.au%20)  Website: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au> |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [****X]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****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  Email: [sps.contact@aff.gov.au](mailto:sps.contact@aff.gov.au%20)  Website: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au> |