NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** AUSTRALIA  **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):** Dehydrated and pre-sterilised microbiological media |
| **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:** Import risk review for dehydrated and pre-sterilised microbiological media: Final report.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 91  [https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/dehydrated-and-pre-sterilised-microbiological-media](https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/dehydrated-and-pre-sterilised-microbiological-media" \t "_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has released the *Import risk review for dehydrated and pre-sterilised microbiological media: final report* (the review).  This review aimed to modernise Australia's dehydrated and pre-sterilised microbiological media import conditions to appropriately reflect the level of biosecurity risk and simplify import permit conditions. It considered the biosecurity risks associated with importing (from any country) dehydrated and pre-sterilised microbiological media. It has taken into account new and relevant peer-reviewed scientific information, international standards, relevant changes in industry practices and operational practicalities.  The review identified two hazards of biosecurity concern for imported dehydrated and pre‑sterilised microbiological media. Risk assessments were undertaken for each hazard and measures have been developed to manage the biosecurity risks.  The review includes baseline risk management measures for dehydrated and pre-sterilised microbiological media and specific risk management will continue to be required for bovine spongiform encephalopathy and scrapie. |
| **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)*:**  **[****]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[****]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X]** **None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[****]** **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)*:** Mid 2024  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 11 April 2024 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** Late 2024  **[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable  **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  E-mail: [sps.contact@aff.gov.au](mailto:sps.contact@aff.gov.au%20)  Website: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au> |
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