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):** Foliage, branches and other parts of plants, without flowers or flower buds, and grasses, mosses and lichens, of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh, dried, dyed, bleached, impregnated or otherwise prepared (HS code(s): 0604) |
| **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:** Removal of import conditions for fresh willow foliage (*Salix* spp.) grown and exported from the United States of America effective immediately. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2  <https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Following the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's technical assessment of *Salix* spp. (willow) and its association with *Phytophthora ramorum*, fresh *Salix* spp. cuttings/foliage grown and exported from the United States of America (USA) will no longer be permitted import into Australian territory.  The biosecurity risk of *P. ramorum* associated with *Salix* spp. imported as fresh cut foliage from the United States of America cannot be managed appropriately.  Restricting import of *Salix* spp. fresh foliage to Israel, a low-risk *P. ramorum* country, is consistent with how the department manages other *P. ramorum* hosts.  Considering import analytics, minimal impacts are expected to trade from the United States of America. |
| **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 01, ISPM 02, 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)*:** Import conditions are expected to be updated in BICON on 16 September 2024, in place for the 2024 import season for these goods.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 5 September 2024 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 16 September 2024  **[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 15 September 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:**  The Australian SPS Notification Authority  GPO Box 858  Canberra ACT 2601  Australia  E-mail: [sps.contact@aff.gov.au](mailto:sps.contact@aff.gov.au) |
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