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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Australian Government Department of Agriculture
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): General importation of goods into Australia
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: Examination of the Import Risk Analysis (IRA) process Language(s): English Number of pages: 32
6. Description of content: The Australian Government has decided to review the current IRA process to ensure robust arrangements are in place to minimise the risk of exotic pest and disease incursions in Australia. The review will include stakeholder consultations and, as appropriate, propose changes to administrative and regulatory aspects of the IRA process. The Department of Agriculture is now seeking comment on specific elements of the IRA process. Trading partners are encouraged to read the discussion paper available on the department website and are invited to provide submissions at http://www.daff.gov.au/iraexamination .
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Aquatic Animal Health Code Chapter 2 Import Risk Analysis– Terrestrial Animal Health Code Chapter 2 Import Risk Analysis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– ISPM 2. Guidelines for pest risk analysis (PRA)– ISPM 11. PRA for quarantine pests including analysis of environmental risks– ISPM 21. PRA for regulated non-quarantine pests <input type="checkbox"/> None

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <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>	
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Subject to government agreement.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 11 July 2014</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Final report on the review anticipated September 2014, subject to government agreement.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure The examination will consult with stakeholder groups and as appropriate, propose changes to administrative and regulatory aspects of the IRA process.</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 10 September 2014</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The Australian SPS Notification Point GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Fax: +(61 2) 6272 3678 E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p> <p>Submissions or specific comments about the discussion paper may be sent to: Service Delivery Division Biosecurity Regulation and Reform Policy Department of Agriculture GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 E-mail: biosecurityconsultation@agriculture.gov.au</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The Australian SPS Notification Point GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Fax: +(61 2) 6272 3678 E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p>