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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>AUSTRALIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
<b>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):</b> Meat and meat products, processed foods and inedible animal by-products such as pet food, pharmaceuticals, rendered products, wool and skins and hides.
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Updates to sanitary certificates for exports from Australia of meat and meat products, processed foods and inedible animal by-products such as pet food, pharmaceuticals, rendered products, wool and skins and hides. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/AUS/24_05499_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/AUS/24_05499_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Australia is updating the certificate printing system for the current Export Documentation System (EXDOC) whereby trading partners may notice minor format changes to printed health certificates such as the placement and size of information fields and crest size. Importantly, these minor format changes do not affect the agreed conditions or attestations for market access, bilaterally agreed information about the consignment details, or the department's regulatory controls over exports.  EXDOC certificates for meat and meat products, processed foods and inedible animal by-products such as pet food, pharmaceuticals, rendered products, wool and skins and hides will be produced using the updated printing system commencing from 1 October 2024.  There will be a transition period where both the old and new certificates will be in use to allow for transit time (air and sea freight) to the port of destination.  These changes do not affect certificates for commodities that are issued through Australia's new documentation system, the Next Export Documentation System (NEXDOC). This system generates certification for dairy, eggs, honey and honey bee products and from 30 September 2024, fish products, as previously notified in <a href="#">G/SPS/N/AUS/593</a> , published on 2 August 2024.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> CCFICS CAC/GL 38-2001</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 October 2024 <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 October 2024</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 October 2024 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable.</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Tel: +(61) 2 6272 3933 Email: <a href="mailto:sps.contact@aff.gov.au">sps.contact@aff.gov.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au">http://www.agriculture.gov.au</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Tel: +(61) 2 6272 3933 Email: <a href="mailto:sps.contact@aff.gov.au">sps.contact@aff.gov.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au">http://www.agriculture.gov.au</a></p>