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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: AUSTRALIA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
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): Uncooked prawns including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. uncooked prawns or prawn meatii. uncooked prawns coated for human consumption by being marinated in a wet marinadeiii. uncooked prawns coated for human consumption by being marinated in a dry marinadeiv. uncooked prawns coated for human consumption by being marinated and placed on skewers <p>HS codes that may be impacted include: 0306.16, 0306.17, 0306.19, 0306.35, 0306.36, 0306.39, 0306.95, 0306.99, 1605.21, 1605.29 (previous HS2012 codes include 0306.26, 0306.27, 0306.29).</p>
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners All countries other than New Caledonia <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Biosecurity (Suspended Goods - Uncooked Prawns) Determination 2017. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 4
6. Description of content: As set out in the determination http://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L00034 , the Director of Biosecurity has suspended imports of uncooked prawns from all countries other than New Caledonia due to unacceptable biosecurity risk for a period of six months. The unacceptable biosecurity risk relates to the risk of uncooked prawn product carrying white spot syndrome virus (WSSV).
7. Objective and rationale: <input 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.
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: To address biosecurity risks associated with imported uncooked prawns. Except for the current outbreak, WSSV is exotic to Australia. All prawn species imported into Australia are susceptible to WSSV. Therefore there is a high likelihood that WSSV could enter Australian territory with imported uncooked prawns. A suspension period of six months is necessary to analyse the information arising from inspections and investigations and to review import conditions.

<p>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 9 January 2017/For a period of six months</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The Australian SPS Notification Authority GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Fax: +(61 2) 6272 3678 E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The Australian SPS Notification Authority GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Fax: +(61 2) 6272 3678 E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p> <p>Text also available from http://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L00034.</p>