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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

### *Addendum*

The following communication, received on 9 December 2020, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

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#### Agricultural Export Legislation - Release of the Exposure Draft Export Control Rules 2020 - Tranche 3

The Australian Government is making improvements to its agricultural export legislation. A new legislative framework for Australia's agricultural exports will commence on 28 March 2021, comprising the *Export Control Act 2020* and the Export Control Rules 2020 (the Rules).

The Rules will set out the operational details for regulating the exports of commodities. Once finalised, the Rules will replace the current legislation.

The Australian Government has already released tranches 1 and 2 of the Exposure Draft Export Control Rules 2020 (the draft Rules) for comment, which addressed 10 commodities. We are now releasing tranche 3 of the draft Rules, which includes:

- Exposure Draft Export Control (Wood and Woodchips) Rules 2020;
- Exposure Draft Export Control (Miscellaneous) Rules 2020.

The tranche 3 draft Rules and supporting information are available on the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment's website - <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/market-access-trade/improving-export-legislation>. Submissions on the tranche 3 draft Rules close on 24 January 2021.

Tranche 1 of the draft Rules closed for comments on 5 November 2020 and tranche 2 of the draft Rules will close for comments on 8 January 2021.

The focus for consultation with stakeholders, including trading partners, is to ensure the improved legislative framework is clear and fit-for-purpose - supporting growth and innovation, while maintaining the standards our trading partners expect.

There is no change to Australia's commitment to meet the importing requirements of our trading partners, and the improved legislation will continue to meet Australia's international obligations - including those under the SPS Agreement.

#### **This addendum concerns a:**

- Modification of final date for comments
- Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- Other:

**Comment period: (If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)**

Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 8 January 2021

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