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## NOTIFICATION

### *Addendum*

The following communication, received on 3 May 2019, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

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#### Updated Gene Technology Regulation in Australia - Gene Technology Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2019

Measure: The proposed amendments to the Gene Technology Regulations 2001 that were notified in G/SPS/N/AUS/442 (15 December 2017) have been adopted as the Gene Technology Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2019.

These amendments clarify the status of organisms that have been modified using certain new technologies (two site directed nuclease techniques, oligo-directed mutagenesis and some RNA interference techniques) and which organisms will be regulated as genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in Australia. They also identify some organisms which will not require regulation as GMOs in Australia.

These amendments will commence on 8 October 2019.

The Gene Technology Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2019 include other amendments that relate to minor administrative matters and requirements for activities with GMOs in containment facilities.

#### **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): Not applicable

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