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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: AUSTRALIA

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- **2. Agency responsible:** Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
- 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): Non viable, non-salmonid marine finfish for human consumption and for use as bait.
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- **5. Title of the notified document:** Biosecurity Advice 2020-A07 Draft update of non-salmonid marine finfish risk species lists for human consumption and baitfish.. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 27

https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/memos

6. Description of content:

As set out in the Biosecurity Advice (https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/memos) stakeholders are asked to comment on the draft update of the non-salmonid marine finfish risk species lists for human consumption and baitfish (risk species lists).

These lists of finfish susceptible to pathogens of concern arose from the <u>"Import Risk Analysis on Non-viable Salmonids and Non-salmonid Marine finfish"</u> (1999 non-viable marine finfish IRA) and can be found on the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment's Biosecurity Import Conditions System (BICON).

The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (the department) has also developed a procedure (the procedure) outlining how decisions were made to recognise a species of finfish as susceptible to infection with a pathogen of concern.

The department has released both the procedure, and the outcomes of the review for a 90 day consultation period.

This review was initiated to ensure that the risk lists are up to date to ensure they are effective at managing biosecurity risk and promote safe trade. Specifically, the review aimed to ensure that the risk species lists accounted for new information about species susceptibility since the risk lists were published in 1999.

The department proposes that finfish species identified in the review as susceptible to infection with a disease of concern to Australia, continue to be permitted import into Australia, subject to compliance with the risk management approaches set out in the 1999 non-viable marine finfish IRA and specified in BICON.

