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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 25 June 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Biosecurity Advice 2021-A02: Final update of non-salmonid marine finfish risk species lists for human consumption and baitfish

The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment has published Biosecurity Advice 2021 A02 (<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/memos>) outlining final updates to the non-salmonid marine finfish risk species lists for human consumption and baitfish (risk species lists). The publication follows a stakeholder consultation period for the draft updates to the risk species lists as outlined in G/SPS/N/AUS/509.

On 28 July 2021 the risk species lists on Australia's Biosecurity Import Conditions Database (BICON) will be updated, and the risk management approaches set out in the 1999 "Import Risk Analysis on Non-viable Salmonids and Non-salmonid Marine finfish" (1999 non-viable marine finfish IRA) will apply to the species added to each list.

These risk species lists list species of finfish susceptible to pathogens of concern. The lists initially arose from the 1999 non-viable marine finfish IRA and can be found on the department's BICON database.

The risk species lists are being updated to ensure they are up to date and are effective at managing biosecurity risk and promote safe trade. Specifically, the update is being done to ensure that the risk species lists account for new information about species susceptibility.

The department carefully considered all stakeholder submissions received during the 90-day consultation period on the draft update to the risk species lists (released November 2020). The department has made changes to the update in response to stakeholder comments, which are listed in Biosecurity Advice 2021 A02.

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
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