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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> AUSTRALIA <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
<b>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):</b> Live, freshwater, fish. Sturgeon for aquaculture purposes (HS code(s): 03019917)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Animal Biosecurity Advice 2022/03. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1 <a href="https://www.awe.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/memos">https://www.awe.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/memos</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> As set out in the Animal Biosecurity Advice ( <a href="#">Biosecurity Advises 2022 - DAWE</a> ), Australia's Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment has released an Issues Paper as the first step in a biosecurity import risk analysis (BIRA) for the import of live sturgeon for aquaculture purposes. The BIRA will identify hazards of biosecurity concern associated with the importation of live sturgeon and risk assessments of hazards will be undertaken as required. The Issues Paper outlines processes to be followed and the hazard identification.  Trading partners will be informed of the release of the draft BIRA report in due course and will have the opportunity to provide additional comment at that time.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Aquatic Animal health Code – Chapter 2.1 <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

	<b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> Adoption anticipated early 2025. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> Publication anticipated late 2024.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Entry into the force anticipated early 2025. <b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 22 August 2022 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  The Australian SPS Notification Authority GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au">sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</a>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  The Australian SPS Notification Authority GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au">sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</a>