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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

## NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>AUSTRALIA</u>

## If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 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): Dairy products for human consumption
- 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: Import risk review for dairy products for human consumption: draft report. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 140

https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/review-biosecurity-risks-imported-dairy-products/widgets/395695/documents

**6. Description of content:** The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has released the *Import risk review for dairy products for human consumption*: draft report (the review) for a 60-day consultation period.

The review aims to modernise Australia's dairy import conditions to reflect the current and future trading environment. It considers the biosecurity risks associated with importing (from any country) dairy products for human consumption manufactured from milk obtained from domestic cattle, buffalo, sheep, and goats. It takes into account new and relevant peer-reviewed scientific information, international standards, relevant changes in industry practices and operational practicalities.

The review identified six hazards of biosecurity concern for imported dairy products. We undertook risk assessments for each and proposed measures to manage the biosecurity risks.

The draft report proposes expanded risk management options for countries not recognised by the department as free from foot-and-mouth disease and/or lump skin disease and/or sheep and goat pox.

- 7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
  - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (*e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text*):

[X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Terrestrial Animal Health Code Chapters 1.3, 2.1, 5.1, 5.10, 8.4, 8.8, 8.9, 8.11, 11.6, 11.9, 14.2, 14.4, 14.5, 14.7, 14.8, 14.9.

[] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

[] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

## 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

**10. Proposed date of adoption (***dd/mm/yy***):** 12-month transitional period from early 2024.

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 31 January 2023

**11.** Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*: Early 2025.

[X] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 31 March 2023

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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**13.** Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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