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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 22 April 2024, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Second draft report: Import risk review for dairy products for human consumption

The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the department) has released the Import Risk Review for dairy products for human consumption: second draft report (the review) for a 60-day consultation period.

The first draft report for this risk review was notified to WTO Members on 9 February 2023 (G/SPS/N/AUS/561) and was published on the department's website on 31 January 2023 for a 60-day stakeholder consultation period ending 14 April 2023.

The review aims to modernize 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 department received a number of submissions on the first draft report for the import risk review for dairy products for human consumption. In consideration of these submissions and new available research, the department has made changes to the review. The department is now releasing a second draft report for consultation in order for these changes to be considered by stakeholders.

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

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

The second draft report can be accessed at <https://app.converlens.com/agriculture-au/review-biosecurity-risks-imported-dairy-products>. Comments can also be submitted through this website.

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.)

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