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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): Whole egg, egg yolk, and egg white powder
- 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: Australian import conditions for whole egg, egg yolk, and egg white powder Review of import conditions. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 13

https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/egg-powder

6. **Description of content:** Australia has conducted a policy review of the Australian import conditions for whole egg, egg yolk, and egg white powder. New heat treatment requirements have been proposed which are lower than existing heat treatment requirements and are closer to standard industry practices. The new conditions will manage the biosecurity risks to meet Australia's appropriate level of protection (ALOP).

There will be a 60 day period for stakeholders to comment on the review.

- 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 Health Code, Chapters 10.4 and 10.9
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
 - [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[]Yes [X]No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: Current scientific literature has been used to develop the heat treatment requirements. Due to uncertainty around the inactivation of thermostable

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	strains of avian orthoavulavirus 1, the required heat treatments are at the upper end of the assessed industry standard practices to mitigate this biosecurity risk.	
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:	
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.	
	Proposed date of publication (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>):	
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.	
	[X] Trade facilitating measure	
12.	Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 3 July 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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	Tel: +(61 2) 6272 3933	
	E-mail: <u>sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</u> Website: <u>http://www.agriculture.gov.au</u>	
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