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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: AUSTRALIA 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): Live horses
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Review of the risk of Japanese encephalitis in horses from approved countries – Draft report. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 33 https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/horses
6. Description of content: The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has undertaken a review of the biosecurity risk associated with Japanese encephalitis in horses. The draft review has now been finalised and the department invites trading partners and stakeholders to comment on the draft review by 21 August 2023. Trade may continue for countries approved for the export of horses to Australia.
7. Objective and rationale: <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.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <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): Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapter 8.10 <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: The review proposes removing biosecurity conditions for Japanese encephalitis in horses imported to Australia from approved countries. This proposal is based on Japanese encephalitis being present in Australia and horses being identified as dead-end hosts. This deviates from WOA Code which recommends insect-proof quarantine prior to export and vaccination.

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 (dd/mm/yy): 20 June 2023
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 21 August 2023 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry GPO Box 858 Tel: +(61 2) 6272 3933 E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au Website: http://www.agriculture.gov.au
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