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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>AUSTRALIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
<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> Fresh (chilled and frozen) bovine skeletal muscle meat
<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> Risk of lumpy skin disease via fresh (chilled or frozen) bovine skeletal muscle meat from applicant countries – Draft report. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 24 <a href="https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/fresh-chilled-frozen-beef/reports">https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/fresh-chilled-frozen-beef/reports</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has released the draft review for the <i>Risk of lumpy skin disease via fresh (chilled or frozen) bovine skeletal muscle meat from applicant countries</i> for comment. The draft review focusses on the biosecurity risk of lumpy skin disease (LSD) virus transmission via fresh (chilled and frozen) skeletal muscle meat derived from bovines. The findings of the draft review support that beef skeletal muscle is a safe commodity with regard to LSD transmission. No specific biosecurity risk management measures above internationally accepted requirements to produce beef for human consumption were seen as necessary to address this risk. The draft review can be accessed at <a href="https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/fresh-chilled-frozen-beef/reports">https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/fresh-chilled-frozen-beef/reports</a> . Trading partners are invited to provide comments on the draft review until 26 July 2023 (30-day comment period). The department will carefully consider all comments while preparing the final review.
<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):

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapter 11.9.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 26 June 2023</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 26 July 2023</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Tel: +(61 2) 6272 3933 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au">sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au">http://www.agriculture.gov.au</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Tel: +(61 2) 6272 3933 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au">sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au">http://www.agriculture.gov.au</a></p>