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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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): Dehydrated and pre-sterilised microbiological media
- 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 dehydrated and pre-sterilised microbiological media: draft report. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 93

https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/dehydrated-and-pre-sterilised-microbiological-media

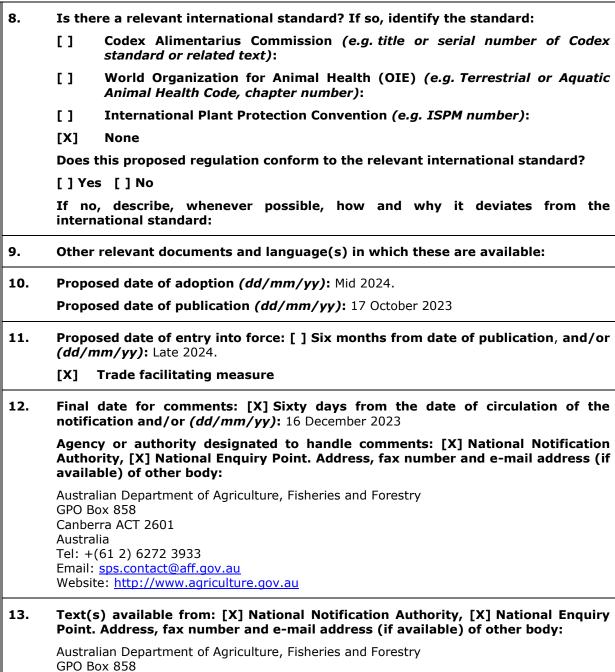
6. Description of content: The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has released the Import risk review for dehydrated and pre-sterilised microbiological media: draft report (the review) for a 60-day consultation period.

This review aims to modernise Australia's dehydrated and pre-sterilised microbiological media import conditions to appropriately reflect the level of biosecurity risk and simplify import permit conditions. It considers the biosecurity risks associated with importing (from any country) dehydrated and pre-sterilised microbiological media. It takes into account new and relevant peer-reviewed scientific information, international standards, relevant changes in industry practices and operational practicalities.

The review identified two hazards of biosecurity concern for imported dehydrated and presterilised microbiological media. Risk assessments were undertaken for each hazard and measures were proposed to manage the biosecurity risks.

The draft report proposes baseline risk management measures for dehydrated and presterilised microbiological media and specific risk management will continue to be required for bovine spongiform encephalopathy and scrapie.

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.



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