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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: Australian Government 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): Zoo hippopotamuses and their semen from approved countries
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: Importation of zoo hippopotamuses and their semen from approved countries - draft report. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 157 https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/
6. Description of content: The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has released a draft review entitled <i>Importation of zoo hippopotamuses and their semen from approved countries – draft report</i> for a 60 day consultation period. The review takes into account peer-reviewed scientific information, advice from scientific experts, and relevant operational practicalities. The review identifies and assesses hazards of biosecurity concern associated with the importation of zoo hippopotamuses and their semen. A review of disease agents is included. The department intends to release a final review on the import conditions for zoo hippopotamuses following consideration of submissions received in response to the draft report.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" 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, Chapters 2.1, 5.3, and relevant disease specific chapters. <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?

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>	
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be advised.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 24 April 2024</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be advised.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 23 June 2024</p> <p>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:</p> <p>Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Tel: +(61) 2 6272 3933 E-mail: sps.contact@aff.gov.au Website: http://www.agriculture.gov.au</p>
13.	<p>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:</p> <p>Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Tel: +(61) 2 6272 3933 E-mail: sps.contact@aff.gov.au Website: http://www.agriculture.gov.au</p>