NOTIFICATION

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| **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):** Foliage, branches and other parts of plants, without flowers or flower buds, and grasses, mosses and lichens, of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh, dried, dyed, bleached, impregnated or otherwise prepared (HS code(s): 0604) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ] All trading partners** **[X] Specific regions or countries:** Israel |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Amending import conditions for fresh willow (*Salix* spp.) and myrtle (*Myrtus* spp.) grown and exported from Israel. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2<https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Certification:All consignments of willow and myrtle exported to Australia, will require a phytosanitary certificate, from 16 September 2024. This is to provide assurances of pre-export processes and management.Treatment:Consignments of fresh willow foliage, sent via airfreight or sea freight, must be treated prior to export with methyl bromide fumigation at 32g/m³ for 2 hours at 21 °C and above. This pre-shipment treatment must be certified in the treatment section of the phytosanitary certificate, from 16 September 2024.Personal consignments, imported as passenger baggage (up to six small boxes) are permitted without treatment, however, will still require phytosanitary certification.Considering import analytics, minimal impacts are expected to trade from Israel. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [ ] animal health, [X] 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)*:** **[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** **[X] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** ISPM 01, ISPM 02, ISPM 11**[ ] None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[X] Yes [ ] No****If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:**  |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** BICON Case: Fresh fruit and foliage for ceremonial purposes |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Import conditions are expected to be updated in BICON on 16 September 2024, in place for the 2024 import season for these goods.**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 5 September 2024 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 16 September 2024**[ ] Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 15 September 2024**Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** The Australian SPS Notification AuthorityGPO Box 858Canberra ACT 2601AustraliaE-mail: sps.contact@aff.gov.au |
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