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):** Fresh ready-to-eat dates; fresh enoki mushrooms; melons that are whole or ready-to-eat cut (fresh or frozen); pufferfish and kava |
| **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:** Amendments to the Imported Food Control Order 2019 – Proposed changes to the food safety requirements for dates, enoki mushrooms, melons, pufferfish, and kava. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 38  <https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/new-food-safety-requirements> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Australia is proposing new food safety import requirements for dates, enoki mushrooms, melons, pufferfish and kava.  A consultation paper has been prepared to provide detail and invite comments on the proposed changes. Submissions can be prepared and lodged through the following link: [https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/new-food-safety-requirements](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fhaveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au%2Fnew-food-safety-requirements&data=05%7C02%7CNatasha.Yang%40aff.gov.au%7C86e0b0cefb5041a3cfec08dcd936bf36%7C2be67eb7400c4b3fa5a11258c0da0696%7C0%7C0%7C638624076369029590%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ys9x4rhC201%2F%2FGAWg6pgSDYgB1eHXTCJM9rcpsQwlMw%3D&reserved=0).  The proposed changes are:   * Fresh ready-to-eat dates – imports will need a valid mandatory food safety management certificate; * Fresh enoki mushrooms – imports will be inspected and tested for *Listeria monocytogene*s. Detection of the pathogen in any sample will not be permitted; * Whole or ready-to-eat cut (fresh or frozen) melons – imports will need a valid mandatory food safety management certificate. Imports of ready-to-eat cut melon will also be inspected and tested for *Listeria monocytogenes* and *Salmonella* spp.; * Pufferfish – imports will need a valid mandatory foreign government certificate; * Kava - imports from New Zealand will be inspected. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] 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:**  **[X] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** CXC 1-1969, CXG 93-2021, CXG 26-1997, CXG 34‑1999, CXS 336R-2020  **[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[ ] 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:** Imported Food Control Order 2019: [Federal Register of Legislation - Imported Food Control Order 2019](https://www.legislation.gov.au/F2019L01233/latest/text) (available in English) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 December 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 Authority  GPO Box 858  Canberra ACT 2601  Australia  E-mail: [sps.contact@aff.gov.au](mailto:sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au) |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  The Australian SPS Notification Authority  GPO Box 858  Canberra ACT 2601  Australia  E-mail: [sps.contact@aff.gov.au](mailto:sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au) |