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.
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| **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 AuthorityGPO Box 858Canberra ACT 2601AustraliaE-mail: sps.contact@aff.gov.au |
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