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:** American Samoa; Cook Islands; Fiji; French Polynesia; Guam; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Nauru; New Caledonia; Niue; Northern Mariana Islands; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Pitcairn Islands; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tokelau; Tonga; Tuvalu; United States of America (Hawaii only); Vanuatu; and Wallis and Futuna |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Extension of countries permitted to export fresh *Alyxia stellata* and *Pandanus* spp. to Australia. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 1  <https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/ViewElement/Element/WhatsChangedNotice?elementPk=2234556> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry conducted a technical assessment that determined the biosecurity risk associated with fresh *Alyxia stellata* foliage(maile) andfresh *Pandanus* spp. (pandanus) fruit segments used for ceremonial use could be appropriately managed from American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, the United States of America (Hawaii only), Vanuatu, and Wallis and Futuna.  As of 16 September 2024, fresh maile and fresh pandanus fruit segments were permitted import into Australia for ceremonial use from, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, the United States of America (Hawaii only), Vanuatu, and Wallis and Futuna under the following phytosanitary conditions.  Treatment:   * Consignments of fresh maile and fresh pandanus fruit segments sent via airfreight or sea freight, must be treated prior to export with methyl bromide fumigation at 32g/m³ for two hours at 21°C and above. This pre-shipment treatment must be certified in the treatment section of the phytosanitary certificate; * Alternatively, the goods can be treated on-arrival with methyl bromide fumigation at 32g/m³ for two hours at 21°C and above; * Personal consignments, imported as passenger baggage (up to six small boxes) are permitted without treatment, however, will require phytosanitary inspection and certification.   Inspection and certification:   * All consignments of fresh maile and fresh pandanus fruitsegments imported into Australia for ceremonial purposes will require phytosanitary inspection and a certificate. This is to provide assurances that pre-export processes are followed and the goods are free of pests and diseases. |
| **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 and 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  <https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/ImportConditions/Questions/EvaluateCase?elementID=0000067978&elementVersionID=241> (available in English) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Import conditions were updated in BICON on 16 September 2024.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 16 September 2024 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 16 September 2024  **[X] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable  **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:**  Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  GPO Box 858  Australia  Canberra ACT 2601  Tel: +(61) 2 6272 3933  E-mail: [sps.contact@aff.gov.au](mailto:sps.contact@aff.gov.au%20)  Website: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au> |
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