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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 and Water Resources
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): Apiaceous crop seeds for sowing
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: Draft review of import conditions for apiaceous crop seeds for sowing into Australia. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 229 http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/memos/ba2017-21
6. Description of content: The Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources initiated this review in response to confirmation that ' <i>Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum</i> ' can be seed-borne and transmitted in apiaceous crops. The review has identified seed-borne pathogens of several apiaceous crops, meeting the International Plant Protection Convention criteria for a quarantine pest. The identified quarantine pests, in addition to ' <i>Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum</i> ' include <i>Cercospora foeniculi</i> , <i>Cercospora malkoffii</i> , <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>coriandrii</i> , <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>cumini</i> , <i>Phoma complanata</i> , <i>Phomopsis diachenii</i> , <i>Ramularia coriandri</i> , <i>Ramularia foeniculi</i> and <i>Strawberry latent ringspot virus</i> . This review evaluates the effectiveness of existing risk management measures for identified biosecurity risks and proposes additional mandatory phytosanitary measures to reduce the risk of introduction of the identified quarantine pests for Australia. Standard requirements for the importation of seed for sowing apply to apiaceous seeds from all sources. The department proposes additional phytosanitary measures for <i>Apium graveolens</i> , <i>Anthriscus cerefolium</i> , <i>Carum carvi</i> , <i>Coriandrum sativum</i> , <i>Cuminum cyminum</i> , <i>Daucus carota</i> , <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> , <i>Pastinaca sativa</i> , <i>Petroselinum crispum</i> and <i>Pimpinella anisum</i> . The proposed additional phytosanitary measures include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- mandatory testing or treatment (off-shore or on-shore) for <i>Anthriscus cerefolium</i>, <i>Apium graveolens</i>, <i>Carum carvi</i>, <i>Coriandrum sativum</i>, <i>Cuminum cyminum</i>, <i>Daucus carota</i>, <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>, <i>Pastinaca sativa</i>, <i>Petroselinum crispum</i> and <i>Pimpinella anisum</i> seed as specified in this review;- a requirement that seed lots tested or treated off-shore be accompanied by an official government Phytosanitary Certificate endorsed with the additional declaration that the consignment has undergone mandatory treatment or testing in accordance with Australian import conditions.

7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No. 2 and 11</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <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 determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 12 September 2017</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 determined.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 13 November 2017</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The Australian SPS Notification Authority GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Fax: +(61 2) 6272 3678 E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p> <p>Texts are available at the following web address: http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/memos/ba2017-21</p>