



NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> 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): Cucurbitaceous 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 cucurbitaceous crop seeds for sowing into Australia. Language(s): . Number of pages:
6.	Description of content: The Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources initiated this review in response to recent incursions of some seed-borne pathogens in Australia, such as <i>Cucumber green mottle mosaic virus</i> (CGMMV). The review has identified several seed-borne pathogens of cucurbitaceous crops which meet the International Plant Protection Convention criteria for a quarantine pest. The identified quarantine pests, in addition to CGMMV, include <i>Kyuri green mottle mosaic virus</i> (KGMMV), <i>Melon necrotic spot virus</i> (MNSV), <i>Phomopsis cucurbitae</i> and <i>Zucchini green mottle mosaic virus</i> (ZGMMV). 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. Standard requirements for the importation of seed for sowing apply to cucurbitaceous seeds from all sources. The department proposes additional phytosanitary measures for <i>Citrullus lanatus</i> , <i>Cucumis melo</i> , <i>Cucumis sativus</i> , <i>Cucurbita maxima</i> , <i>Cucurbita moschata</i> , <i>Cucurbita pepo</i> , <i>Lagenaria siceraria</i> and <i>Trichosanthes cucumerina</i> and any hybrid of these species. The proposed additional phytosanitary measures include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mandatory testing or treatment (off-shore or on-shore) for seeds of <i>Citrullus lanatus</i>, <i>Cucumis melo</i>, <i>Cucumis sativus</i>, <i>Cucurbita maxima</i>, <i>Cucurbita moschata</i>, <i>Cucurbita pepo</i>, <i>Lagenaria siceraria</i> and <i>Trichosanthes cucumerina</i> and any hybrid of these species as specified in this review;- 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): 6 December 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): 19 February 2018</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" 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 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/plant/cucurbitaceous-crop-seeds</p>



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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Notifying Member: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> 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): Seeds for sowing of <i>Citrullus lanatus</i> (watermelon), <i>Cucumis melo</i> (melon), <i>Cucumis sativus</i> (cucumber) and <i>Cucurbita pepo</i> (zucchini)
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: Emergency measures for cucurbit seeds. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 3
6.	Description of content: Emergency phytosanitary measures for the importation of <i>Citrullus lanatus</i> , <i>Cucumis melo</i> , <i>Cucumis sativa</i> and <i>Cucurbita pepo</i> are being introduced to mitigate the biosecurity risk posed by <i>Kyuri green mottle mosaic virus</i> (KGMMV), <i>Zucchini green mottle mosaic virus</i> (ZGMMV) and <i>Phomopsis cucurbitae</i> .
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Australia is currently undertaking a review of import conditions for cucurbit seeds for sowing. This review has identified three new pests of quarantine concern: KGMMV, ZGMMV and <i>Phomopsis cucurbitae</i> . Australia's existing policy does not require specific risk mitigation measures against these pests for the importation of host seeds. Therefore, emergency measures are required for host cucurbit seeds to prevent the introduction of these pests. The draft review was released on 6 December 2017 for a 75 calendar day consultation period and all trading partners have been notified by an SPS notification. The emergency measures will be implemented in two phases to minimise trade disruption: Phase 0: Transition phase Consignments that land in Australia prior to or on 31 January 2018 will be allowed entry into Australia under existing arrangements (no testing required). Phase 0 conditions expire at midnight 31 January 2018 and will be replaced by Phase 1 conditions.

Phase 1: Commencement of mandatory testing or treatment.

Consignments that land in Australia from 1 February 2018 will be required to be tested or treated (depending on species), either off-shore or on-shore, to manage the identified quarantine pests.

Mandatory off-shore or on-shore testing by ISTA validated ELISA on a sample size of 9,400 seeds (or 20 per cent for small seed lots) for seeds of *Cucumis sativus* (KGMMV only), *Cucurbita pepo* (KGMMV and ZGMMV), and *Citrullus lanatus* (KGMMV and ZGMMV). Mandatory off-shore or on-shore fungicidal seed treatment with a broad-spectrum systemic fungicide for seeds of *Cucumis melo* (*Phomopsis cucurbitae*).

Phytosanitary certification requirements:

Seed lots of *Citrullus lanatus*, *Cucumis sativus* and *Cucurbita pepo* that are tested off-shore must be accompanied by an official government Phytosanitary Certificate endorsed with the following additional declaration:

'The consignment of [*botanical name (s) (Genus species)*] comprises [*insert number of cucurbit seed lots*] seed lot(s); for each seed lot, seeds were tested by ELISA [*insert laboratory name(s) and report number(s)*] on a sample size of 9,400 seeds (or 20 per cent of small seed lots) and found free from [*name of the virus*]'.

Seeds lots of *Cucumis melo* treated with a fungicide off-shore must be accompanied by an official government Phytosanitary Certificate endorsed with the following additional declaration:

'The [*insert plant species name*] seeds in this consignment have been treated with [*insert the name of the chemical and dosage*]'.

9. 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):**
- International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):** IPPC Article 7 and IPSM 1
- None**

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

Yes No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):

1 February 2018

Trade facilitating measure

12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: National Notification Authority, National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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