NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 14 November 2018, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

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| Release of the draft report for the Pest Risk Analysis for Cut Flower and Foliage Imports - Part 1 |
| The draft report of the pest risk analysis and the confirmed measures to achieve Australia's appropriate level of protection for the import of fresh cut flowers and foliage from all countries was released on 14 November 2018.The analysis of interception data undertaken as part of the pest risk analysis indicates a high detection rate of invertebrate pests on imported cut flowers and foliage including thrips, aphids and mites. Of particular concern is the high number and frequency of thrips detected as many of these are quarantine pests for Australia. Thrips are the primary vectors of orthotospoviruses, many of which are also quarantine pests for Australia. The ongoing high number of live pests detected on imported cut flowers at the border poses a level of phytosanitary risk that exceeds Australia's appropriate level of protection.New biosecurity import conditions for imported fresh cut flowers and foliage were implemented on 1 March 2018 (see SPS notifications G/SPS/N/AUS/435 and G/SPS/N/AUS/435/Add.1). The draft report confirms that these changes are necessary to protect Australia's plant producers and the natural environment from exotic pests.The risk analysis is being conducted in two parts: (i) an assessment of the three major arthropod pest groups - thrips, aphids and mites; and (ii) an assessment of other arthropod pests.Part 1 of the draft report includes:Summary Introduction Commercial trade and production Cut flower and foliage pathway Previous import policies and principles Changing patterns of activity and risk Pest risk assessment Pest risk management ConclusionPart 2 will include a number of other arthropod pests that are national priority plant pests for Australia, or which are capable of transmitting a national priority plant pest.Notification of the release of the draft report is provided in Biosecurity Advice 2018/30. |
| **This addendum concerns a:** |
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| [ ] Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation |
| [ ] Withdrawal of proposed regulation |
| [ ] Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force |
| [**X**] Other: Release of draft PRA (Part 1) |
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| The Biosecurity Advice and draft report are also available on the department's website at: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/plant/cut-flowers>.The Australian SPS Notification AuthorityGPO Box 858Canberra ACT 2601AustraliaFax: +(61 2) 6272 3678E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au  |

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