NOTIFICATION

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| **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):** seed of tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) and wild tomato species (*Solanum chilense, S. chmielewskii, S. parviflorum, S. peruvianum* and *S. pimpinellifolium*) |
| **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:** Draft pest risk analysis for *Pepino mosaic virus* and pospiviroids associated with tomato seed (draft report). **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 121  <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/plant/pepino-mosaic-virus-pospiviroids-tomato-seed> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The draft report presents pest risk assessments for *Pepino mosaic virus* and five pospiviroid species: *Columnea latent viroid*, *Pepper chat fruit viroid*, *Tomato apical stunt viroid*, *Tomato chlorotic dwarf viroid* and *Tomato planta macho viroid*, but not for *Potato spindle tuber viroid*, as it is no longer categorised as a quarantine pest for Australia. The pest risk analysis considers imports of seed of tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) and wild tomato (*Solanum chilense, S. chmielewskii, S. parviflorum, S. peruvianum and S. pimpinellifolium*). Information is presented about tomato seed production and trade, the epidemiology of the pathogens and Australian testing of seed imports for the pathogens.  The draft report proposes a range of risk management measures to mitigate the risks posed by *Pepino mosaic virus* and the pospiviroids associated with imports of tomato seed. The proposed measures include mandatory laboratory testing or mandatory laboratory testing combined with dry heat treatment. Verification of laboratory testing is also proposed to ensure the reliability of the measures.  The draft report includes:   * introduction to Australia's biosecurity policy framework and pest risk assessment method; * overview of commercial tomato seed production; * overview of *Pepino mosaic virus* biology, association with tomato seed and transmission; * overview of pospiviroid biology, association with tomato seed and transmission; * pest risk assessments for *Pepino mosaic virus* and pospiviroids; * statement on situation of *Potato spindle tuber viroid;* * *-* pest risk management proposals. |
| **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 N° 1, 2 and 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:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 8 August 2018 |
| **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: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 8 October 2018  **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 Authority  GPO Box 858  Canberra ACT 2601  Australia  Fax: +(61 2) 6272 3678  Email: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au |
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