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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: AUSTRALIA
 - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- **2. Agency responsible:** Australian Government 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): Fish and fish products
- 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:** Updates to sanitary certificates for exports from Australia of fish and fish products. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 1

https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/export/certification/nexdoc/transition

Description of content: Australia is replacing the current Export Documentation System (EXDOC) with a system called the Next Export Documentation System (NEXDOC). NEXDOC is designed to make Australia's export documentation system more secure over time and responsive to changes in trade conditions.

Australia's export documentation for fish and fish products will soon transition to the department's NEXDOC system. These goods are the next commodities to transition after dairy, which transitioned in 2021, honey and apiculture products in 2022 and eggs, in 2023.

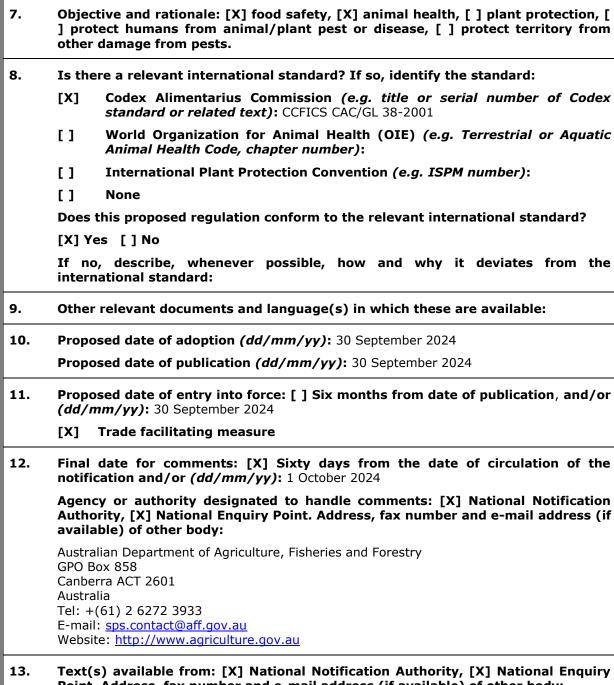
The planned changes do not affect the agreed conditions or attestations for market access, bilaterally agreed information about the consignment details, or the department's regulatory controls over exports. However, there are minor changes to grammar, spelling, and the location of some of the information on the certificate. In addition, the new certificates will have unique Quick Response (QR) codes. The QR codes provide consignment specific information which border officials can use to confirm authenticity of the certificate in real-time. To verify the QR code, border officials scan the code through the official's smart phone camera.

The department proposes the new export certificates be issued for:

Australian exports of fish and fish products.

This will commence from 30 September 2024. There will be a transition period where both the old and new certificates will be in use to allow for transit time (air and sea freight) to the port of destination.

Australia is allowing a sixty days comment period.



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