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):** Fresh dates (greater than 30% moisture content) (*Phoenix dactylifera*) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Algeria; Bahrain, Kingdom of; Egypt; Iran; Iraq; Israel; Jordan; Kuwait, the State of; Lebanese Republic; Libya; Morocco; Oman; Pakistan; Palestine; Qatar; Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of; Syrian Arab Republic; Tunisia; Turkey; United Arab Emirates and Yemen. |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Draft report for the review of biosecurity import requirements for fresh dates from the Middle East and North Africa region, July 2018. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 200 |
| **6.** | **Description of content:**  Draft pest risk analysis and the proposed measures to achieve Australia's appropriate level of protection for the import of fresh date fruit (greater than 30% moisture content) from the Middle East and North Africa region. The draft report includes:   * Summary, * Introduction, including Australia's biosecurity policy framework and this pest risk analysis, * Method for pest risk analysis, * Middle East and North Africa's commercial production practices for fresh dates, * Pest risk assessments for quarantine pests, * Pest risk management, * Pest categorisation. |
| **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 No 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)*:** To be determined. |
| **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)*:** 28 September 2018  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ]****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  Email: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****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  Email: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au  Report available (in English) from Department of Agriculture and Water Resources website:  <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis> |