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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Australia  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment |
| **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):** Fertile/hatching eggs of poultry - chickens, ducks, turkeys |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]****All trading partners**  **[****X]** **Specific regions or countries:** All countries approved for the export of fertile hatching eggs to Australia (Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, United Kingdom and the United States of America. |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Amended Health Certificates for Hatching Eggs of Poultry.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 54  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/AUS/20_1622_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The attached document identifies a number of changes the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment intends to make to the existing fertile eggs import conditions outlined in the health certificates. These changes are:   * Clarifications to the existing conditions * Change in terminology to "hatching eggs" * Amending the title of each certificate from "veterinary certificate" to "health certificate"   The department seeks the cooperation of competent authorities to amend their health certificates accordingly. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [****X]****animal health, [ ]****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)*:**  **[****X]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  Chapters 6 and 10 of the OIE Terrestrial Code  **[ ]****International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[ ]****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)*:** 28 April 2020  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 28 April 2020 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 28 April 2020  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 2 April 2020  **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  E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [****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  E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au |