NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** AUSTRALIA  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** 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):** Fresh blueberries and cranberries |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****]** **All trading partners**  **[****X]** **Specific regions or countries:** New Zealand |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** New Zealand: Fresh blueberries and cranberries – Change to import conditions.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 1  [https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/ViewElement/Element/WhatsChangedNotice?elementPk=2058477](https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/ViewElement/Element/WhatsChangedNotice?elementPk=2058477" \t "_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Australia will no longer regulate for blueberry rust (*Thekopsora minima*) on fresh blueberries and cranberries grown in New Zealand and imported into Western Australia and Tasmania.  The quarantine status of blueberry rust in Western Australia and Tasmania has changed and is no longer under official control. As a result, Australia has removed the conditions for fresh blueberries and cranberries grown in New Zealand imported into these states to be free from blueberry rust in alignment with the import conditions for all Australian states and territories, other than South Australia.  Australia will continue to regulate for blueberry rust on fresh blueberries and cranberries grown in New Zealand imported into South Australia.  Further details of the import conditions for fresh blueberries and cranberries grown in New Zealand are available on the Australian Biosecurity Import Conditions website (BICON): <https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/> |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****]****food safety, [****]****animal health, [****X]****plant protection, [****]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [****X]****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 2 and ISPM 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)*:** 1 March 2023  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 March 2023 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 March 2023  **[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable  **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:**  Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  GPO Box 858  Canberra ACT 2601  Australia  Tel: +(61 2) 6272 3933  E-mail: [sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au)  Website: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au> |
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