

**AUSTRALIA – MEASURES AFFECTING THE IMPORTATION OF SALMONIDS**

Notification of Mutually Agreed Solution

The following communication, dated 27 October 2000, from the Permanent Mission of the United States and the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 3.6 of the DSU.

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The United States of America and Australia wish to notify the Dispute Settlement Body that they have reached a mutually satisfactory solution to the matter raised by the United States in "Australia – Measures Affecting the Importation of Salmonids" (WT/DS21/4).

The mutually satisfactory solution involves the amendments to Australia's July 1999 quarantine policies on fresh, chilled or frozen salmonids introduced on 17 May 2000, with effect from 1 June. These amendments are set forth in Animal Quarantine Policy Memorandum, (AQPM 2000/26), applicable to fresh, chilled or frozen salmonids, which was notified in G/SPS/N/AUS/117, enclosed with this letter. Australia notified the Dispute Settlement Body of these amendments on 18 May 2000.

Based on this development, the United States of America and Australia have agreed that a mutually satisfactory solution has been reached on the matter raised by the United States.

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

G/SPS/N/AUS/117  
19 May 2000

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>AUSTRALIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Australia Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS)
3.	<b>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Salmonid products
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> "Importation of salmonid product – Advice on quarantine requirements" (12 pages)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> Revised arrangements for the importation of fresh, chilled or frozen salmonid products require prior permission to import, health certification, importer declaration of the intended use and controls on the commercial processing of imported salmonid product in Australia.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> [ ] food safety, [ X ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> [ ]. <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> International standards exist for some of the hazards covered by the new arrangements.
8.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> AQPM 2000/26 (Available in English)
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 1 June 2000
10.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 June 2000
11.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> No final date (measures respond to dispute settlement finding) <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> [ X ] National notification authority, [ ] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
12.	<b>Texts available from:</b> [ ] National notification authority, [ X ] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: