

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLES OF THE AGREEMENT ON
IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES FROM AUSTRALIA¹**

Questions from the European Union to Australia regarding
Animal and animal products, and motor vehicles

The following communication, dated 15 October 2012, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the European Union.

Following Australia's Import Licensing notification (G/LIC/N/3/AUS/5 28 September 2012), we have the following questions:

I. Animals (Including Birds, Fish and Insects) and Animal Products, Plants and Goods of General Quarantine Concern

Paragraph 6(d), explaining the procedures for applications for permission to import most animals, animal products, plants and plant products, makes reference to the quarantine conditions being outlined in the ICON database. For a number of products (e.g. dairy and pig meat) the ICON database either does not provide the detailed conditions or the inquiring exporter is confronted with the message "The import permit will specify the certification and documentation requirements".

It is known that a new system is being developed, known as Biological Import Conditions (BICON).

Can an assurance be given that BICON correct the deficiencies in transparency of ICON and provide the full import conditions and health certificate requirements, without an importer having to apply for an import permit?

XVIII. Motor Vehicles

Paragraph 4 states that "the importation of standard vehicles is not restricted in quantity or value" while the Department of Transport website (<http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/imports/>) states "The importation of vehicles to Australia is prohibited except in very specific circumstances".

¹ See Understanding on procedures for the Review of Notifications (G/LIC/4).

It appears that vehicles can only be imported by manufacturers using identification plate approval, through the Registered Automotive Workshop Scheme for a limited range of used vehicles and by individuals for their own vehicles.

Can an assurance be given that the importation of used vehicles that meet relevant ADRs is not restricted and explain how such vehicles could be imported under commercial quantities?
