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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Biosecurity Australia, Australian Government 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): Hatching (fertile) eggs of ducks
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [X] All trading partners, or [] Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Importation of Hatching (Fertile) Duck Eggs from Approved Countries – Draft Policy Review Language: English Number of pages: 73
6.	Description of content: This policy review considers the quarantine risks that may be associated with the importation into Australia of hatching eggs from domestic ducks (<i>Anas</i> spp. and <i>Cairina moschata</i>) from approved sources. Under the current import requirements the approved sources are the United States of America (USA), the United Kingdom (UK), France, Canada, Netherlands, Germany, Ireland and New Zealand. The policy review proposes that importation of hatching (fertile) ducks eggs from approved countries, is revised by reducing the post arrival quarantine (PAQ) period from 12 to 9 weeks and that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• vaccination of donor flocks against duck hepatitis virus type I be permitted;• vaccination of donor flocks against Newcastle disease continues to be permitted but restricted to the use of inactivated vaccines;• reference to <i>Salmonella</i> Pullorum and <i>Salmonella</i> Gallinarum and the requirement for serological testing for these agents be removed from the import requirements as ducks are relatively resistant to infection and are not known reservoirs of these agents. Bacteriological testing for <i>Salmonella</i> spp. is still required post-arrival;• reference to <i>Salmonella</i> Arizona and the specific test requirements for this agent be removed from the import requirements as this disease agent is present in Australia and is not considered to have an adverse impact;• reference to <i>Riemerella anatipestifer</i> be removed from the import requirements as this agent is not egg-transmitted and is present in Australia;

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • testing for <i>Salmonella</i> Enteritidis be revised, removing the requirement to test culled ducklings and faeces post-arrival. All other testing requirements remain; that is, pre-export testing of the source flock and post-arrival serology and bacteriological culture for <i>Salmonella</i> spp. of pipped embryos, hatchery waste and ducklings that die in PAQ will continue; and • testing in PAQ for multi-drug resistant <i>Salmonella</i> Typhimurium DT104 be introduced. This will be undertaken as part of the post-arrival bacteriological culture for <i>Salmonella</i> spp. of hatchery waste, pipped embryos and ducklings that die in PAQ.
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>) Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapters 6.3, 6.4, 10.4, 10.7, 10.8, 10.10, 10.11, 10.13</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM N*</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: Refer to draft review for deviations from the international standard.</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <i>Conditions for the Importation from Approved Countries of Fertile Eggs (Domestic Duck) - Amendment to Import Conditions (2006)</i>, in English available at http://www.daff.gov.au/ba/reviews/final-animal/hatching-eggs and <i>Conditions for the Importation from Approved Countries of Fertile Eggs (Domestic Duck) - Adoption of Revised Conditions (1999)</i>, in English available at http://www.daff.gov.au/ba/ira/final-animal/hatchingeggs-ducks</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Propose date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>

12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 April 2009

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Report available (in English) from Biosecurity Australia's website:

http://www.daff.gov.au/ba/reviews/current-animal/importation_of_hatching_fertile_duck_eggs_from_approved_countries