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## NOTIFICATION

### Addendum

The following communication, received on 9 September 2014, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

#### Final import risk analysis report for freshwater ornamental fish from all countries with respect to gourami iridovirus and related viruses

The Department of Agriculture has completed its import risk analysis (IRA): Importation of freshwater ornamental fish: review of biosecurity risks associated with gourami iridovirus and related viruses. New import conditions consistent with the IRAs recommendations will come into effect on 1 March 2015. Importation for ornamental purposes of cichlids, poeciliids and fish belonging to the subfamilies Luciocephalinae and Macropodusinae of the family Osphronemidae (gouramis, betas and paradise fish) from any approved country will require official health certification attesting to the fish being either sourced from a megalocytivirus free compartment, zone or country, or being batch-tested negative for megalocytivirus.

The IRA also recommends that imported consignments of these fish species are subject to an on-going program of random post-arrival verification testing for megalocytivirus as a means of monitoring the effectiveness of overseas systems that underpin attestations about source population disease freedom or batch testing. A program of post-arrival testing will be implemented as a part of the broader biosecurity reform of ornamental fish imports that will occur over the next 2-3 years.

The completed IRA report is available at: <http://www.daff.gov.au/ba/ira/current-animal/ornamental-finish>.

The draft IRA report was published on the Departments website on 24 March 2009 for a 60-day stakeholder consultation period and was published as an SPS notification with reference number G/SPS/N/AUS/231 on 30 March 2009.

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- ☐ Other:

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