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## NOTIFICATION

### Addendum

The following communication, received on 16 December 2014, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

#### Hatching eggs of domestic hens and turkey. Avian paramyxovirus 2 and 3. Final policy review

The Australian Government Department of Agriculture has completed a policy review of the biosecurity risks to Australia from the importation of hatching (fertile) eggs of domestic hens and turkeys with respect to avian paramyxovirus 2 (APMV-2) and avian paramyxovirus 3 (APMV-3).

The revised policy removes APMV-2 as an agent of biosecurity concern from the conditions under which hatching eggs of domestic chickens and turkeys are imported into Australia and removes the requirements for testing for this agent. The revised policy retains APMV-3 as an agent of biosecurity concern in the conditions under which hatching eggs of domestic chickens and turkeys are imported into Australia and also retains the requirements for testing for this agent.

A draft policy review was issued on 7 August 2013 for a 60-day consultation period (notified in G/SPS/N/AUS/326), which closed on 7 October 2013. The department considered all stakeholder comments received when finalising the policy review.

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ba/reviews/final-animal/hatching-eggs/ba2014-16-final-hatching-eggs-domestic-hens-turkeys>

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- ☐ Other:

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