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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>AUSTRALIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)
3.	<b>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):</b> Mouse ( <i>Mus musculus</i> ) embryos for laboratory purposes
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b> Austria; Belgium; Canada; Czech Republic; Denmark; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Hong Kong, China (Special Administrative Region); Ireland; Israel; Italy; Japan; Luxembourg; Netherlands; New Zealand; Norway; Portugal; Singapore; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; United Kingdom; United States of America.
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Document 1: Importation of laboratory mouse ( <i>Mus musculus</i> ) embryos from approved countries - Policy review of hantavirus Document 2: Biosecurity measures for the importation of laboratory mouse <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 9 and 5 respectively <a href="http://www.daff.gov.au/ba/memos">http://www.daff.gov.au/ba/memos</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> These documents include a review of available scientific information on hantavirus in mouse embryos which concludes that the risk mitigation measures required for hantavirus in mouse embryos are no longer necessary. Amended biosecurity measures are detailed in the second document.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2012); Chapter 4.10-Collection and processing of laboratory rodent and rabbit embryos/ova; Chapter 5.2-Certification Procedures; Chapter 5.10-Model Veterinary Certificates for International Trade in Live Animals, Hatching Eggs and Products of Animal Origin. <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)

<p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Nil</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): 14 August 2013  Proposed date of publication (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): 14 August 2013</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): 14 August 2013  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): Not applicable  Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Texts are available at the following web address, or alternatively, from the Australian SPS Notification Point.  <a href="http://www.daff.gov.au/ba/memos">http://www.daff.gov.au/ba/memos</a></p> <p>The Australian SPS Notification Point  GPO Box 858  Canberra ACT 2601  Australia  Fax: +(61 2) 6272 3678  Email: sps.contact@daff.gov.au</p>