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## NOTIFICATION

### *Addendum*

The following communication, received on 8 June 2016, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

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#### Australia's Biosecurity Legislative instruments package released

The Australian Government, through the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, has released finalised legislative instruments under the Biosecurity Act 2015.

Finalised legislative instruments under the Biosecurity Act 2015 are now publically available Federal Register of Legislation website. This includes instruments such as the:

- Biosecurity (Prohibited and Conditionally Non-prohibited Goods) Determination 2016
- First Point of Entry Determinations
- Biosecurity (Methods of Ballast Water Management) Approval 2016
- Biosecurity (Acceptable Ballast Water exchange Area) Declaration 2016
- Biosecurity (Reportable Biosecurity Incidents) Determination 2016.

The new legislation was developed in consultation with a range of stakeholders including industry, state and territory governments, health professionals, environmental groups, trading partners and the general public.

Industry stakeholders and clients are reminded that the Biosecurity Act 2015 will commence in less than two weeks, on 16 June 2016.

Vessel, airline and aircraft operators and those exporting goods to Australia, are advised to make sure they understand the legislation including changes that may affect their industry after commencement.

BICON remains the department's online source for import conditions and permit applications.

In some defined areas, the legislation makes provision for a transition period to allow businesses time to become compliant with new requirements.

For information on transitional arrangements please refer to the department's website or the Biosecurity (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act 2015 at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2015A00062>.

The department's website has dedicated information on the new legislation to help you understand what has changed. You can find this information at [www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecuritylegislation](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecuritylegislation).

For more information, or to make a submission, please visit: [www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecuritylegislation](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecuritylegislation) or contact the Biosecurity Implementation Branch at [newbiosecuritylegislation@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:newbiosecuritylegislation@agriculture.gov.au).

**This addendum concerns a:**

- ☐ Modification of final date for comments
- ☐ Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- ☐ Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- ☐ Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- ☐ Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- ☒ Other: New draft biosecurity regulations out for consultation.

**Comment period:** *(If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)*

- ☐ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

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