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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>AUSTRALIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
<b>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):</b> Live pigeon import consignments ( <i>Columba livia</i> )
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b> Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, United Kingdom
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> "Amended Health Certificates for Live Pigeon Consignments". <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 10 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/AUS/18_2469_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/AUS/18_2469_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The attached pdf identifies a number of changes the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources intends to make to the existing live pigeon import conditions outlined in the four health certificates. These changes are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– clarifications to the existing live pigeon import conditions;</li><li>– mandatory microchipping of all pigeons as a form of identification, in addition to the existing leg band identification;</li><li>– mandatory West Nile Virus (WNV) testing; and</li><li>– amending the title of each certificate from "veterinary certificate" to "health certificate".</li></ul> The department seeks the co-operation of competent authorities to amend their health certificates accordingly.
<b>7. 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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Chapter 2.1.24 of the OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals 2017 – West Nile Fever</li><li>– Chapter 8.19 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code – West Nile Fever</li></ul>

<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 16 July 2018</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 16 July 2018</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 16 July 2018</p> <p>The department intends to implement and enforce these updated pigeon import conditions as soon as they are published on the department's Biosecurity Import Conditions (BICON) external website.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The Australian SPS Notification Authority GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Fax: +(61 2) 6272 3678 Email: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p>