



**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> AUSTRALIA <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
<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> Prawn and prawn products for human consumption
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Review of the biosecurity risks of prawns imported from all countries for human consumption –final report. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 465 <a href="https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/prawns">https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal/prawns</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/AUS/23_10065_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/AUS/23_10065_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has released the final report for the <i>Review of the biosecurity risks of prawns imported from all countries for human consumption</i> (the prawn review) and the proposed changes to Australia's import conditions for prawns and prawn products.  The final report for the prawn review is available on the department's website: Review of Prawns and Prawn Products - DAFF ( <a href="https://www.agriculture.gov.au">https://www.agriculture.gov.au</a> ).  The department has published the final report for the prawn review after considering the recommendations from the members of the scientific advisory group on the draft report and provisional final report, as well as all stakeholder feedback and all available scientific information.  The final report proposes that prawns continue to be permitted import into Australia, subject to compliance with a range of amended biosecurity measures. These measures include freezing, freedom from additional pathogenic agents for whole uncooked prawns exported to Australia, and a strengthening of requirements for cooked prawns.  Australia's updated model health certificate for prawns and prawn meat for human consumption, which includes wording to reflect the proposed changes to import conditions, is available on the department's website: <a href="https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/memos">https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/memos</a> and at <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/AUS/23_10065_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/AUS/23_10065_00_e.pdf</a> .  Trading partners may provide written comment to the department on the proposed requirements until 4 August 2023 (60-day comment period).  Pending consideration of comments, the department will require that prawns and prawn products arriving in Australia from 13 October 2023 be certified by the competent authority of the exporting country to meet the amended health certification requirements.

7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input 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>
9.	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 13 October 2023</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 5 June 2023</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 13 October 2023</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 4 August 2023</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry GPO Box 858 Tel: +(61 2) 6272 3933 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au">sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au">http://www.agriculture.gov.au</a></p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry GPO Box 858 Tel: +(61 2) 6272 3933 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au">sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au">http://www.agriculture.gov.au</a></p>