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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 15 September 2014, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States of America.

Determinations: Pest-Free Areas in Australia (Docket No. APHIS-2011-0088)

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is advising the public that we are recognizing the Australian States of New South Wales, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, and Victoria as free of Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly) and the State of Western Australia as free of Queensland fruit fly. Based on our evaluation of the survey protocols and other information provided by Australia's national plant protection organization, which we made available to the public for review and comment through a previous notice, the Administrator has determined that these areas meet the criteria in our regulations for recognition as pest-free areas for either Medfly or Queensland fruit fly.

This notice is available in English at: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0088-0004>

Federal Register Vol. 79, No. 168, Friday 29 August 2014 pages 51526-51527.

In accordance with our process, we published a notice in the Federal Register on 14 September 2011 (76 FR 56730-56731, Docket No. APHIS-2011-0088), in which we announced the availability, for review and comment, of a commodity import evaluation document (CIED) that evaluates the information presented by Australia in support of its request to recognize new areas of that country as being free of *Ceratitis capitata*, the Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly), and to recognize other areas of the country as being free of *Bactrocera tryoni*, the Queensland fruit fly. Specifically, the Government of Australia asked that we recognize the States of New South Wales, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, and Victoria as free of Medfly and the State of Western Australia as free of Queensland fruit fly. We solicited comments on the notice for 60 days ending on 14 November 2011. We received one comment by that date.

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:

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): This rule is effective 29 August 2014.

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ National Notification Authority, ☐ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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