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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

Original: English

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| 1. | Notifying Member: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2): |
| 2. | Agency responsible: Australian Government Department of Health Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Please submit comments to: Department of Health Email: trade@health.gov.au |
| 3. | Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other: |
| 4. | Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Organisms that have been modified through the use of certain new technologies (genetically modified organisms (GMO)). |
| 5. | Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Updating Gene Technology Regulation in Australia - Regulation Impact Statement for consultation |
| 6. | Description of content: The document outlines proposed changes to the Gene Technology Regulations 2001 which will clarify the classification of organisms that have been modified through the use of certain new technologies (two site directed nuclease techniques, oligo-directed mutagenesis and some RNA interference techniques). These changes will clarify which organisms will be required to be regulated as genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in Australia. They will also identify some organisms which will not require regulation as GMOs in Australia. The document also contains information on other proposed changes to the Regulations which are not relevant to the international community. |
| 7. | Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety; Protection of animal or plant life or health |
| 8. | Relevant documents: Consultation Quick Guide (English) Gene Technology Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2017 (English) Gene Technology Regulations 2001 (Future Law Compilation) (English) |
| 9. | Proposed date of adoption: To be advised Proposed date of entry into force: To be advised |

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| 10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification |
| 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: http://www.ogtr.gov.au/internet/ogtr/publishing.nsf/Content/reviewregulations-1 http://www.ogtr.gov.au/internet/ogtr/publishing.nsf/Content/reviewregulations-1 |