NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO THE DECISION ON NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES
FOR QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS (G/L/59/Rev.1)

Australia

Addendum

The following communication, dated 22 February 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Australia.

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| **A. Notifying Member:** Australia |
| **B. Date of notification:** 22 February 2023 |
| **C. First time notification:****[ ]** Yes**[x]** No, last notification was made in (doc. symbol): [G/MA/QR/N/AUS/5/Add.3](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/SS/directdoc.aspx?filename=q:/G/MAQRN/AUS5A3.pdf&Open=True) |
| **D. Type of notification:****[ ]** 1. Complete (i.e. notification of all quantitative restrictions in force)**[x]** 2. Changes to a notification previously made in [G/MA/QR/N/AUS/5/Add.3](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/SS/directdoc.aspx?filename=q:/G/MAQRN/AUS5A3.pdf&Open=True) which are of the following nature:[ ]  2.1 Introduction of new restrictions, as listed in Section 1.[x]  2.2 Elimination of restrictions, as described in G below.[ ]  2.3 Modification of a previously notified restriction, as described in Section 1.[ ]  3. Reverse notification of restrictions maintained by (Member):  |
| **E. The notification provides information for the following biennial period (e.g. 2012‑2014):** 2020-2022 **and relates to restrictions in force as of** 17 April 2022 |
| **F. This notification contains information[[1]](#footnote-1)\* relating to:****[x]  Section 1:** List of quantitative restrictions that are currently in force.**[ ]  Section 2:** Cross-reference to other WTO notifications with information on quantitative restrictions that are currently in force and additional information. |
| **G. Comments of a general nature, including a description of the elimination of restrictions notified under D.2.2 and the date they ceased to be in force.**This notification communicates the elimination of the previously notified measure on COVID‑19 rapid antigen test kits. The measure ceased on 17 April 2022. |

**Section 1: List of quantitative restrictions that are currently in force**

| **QR No.** | **General description of the restriction** | **Type of restriction** | **Tariff line code(s) affected, based on HS(2017)** | **Detailed Product Description** | **WTO Justification and Grounds for Restriction, e.g., Other International Commitments** | **National legal basis and entry into force** | **Administration, modification of previously notified measures, and other comments** |
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| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** |
| **1** | Restriction on exports of COVID‑19 rapid antigen test kits | CP-X | 3822.19.09 | COVID-19 rapid antigen test kit | Article XI.2(a) of the GATT | [Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests) Determination 2022](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.legislation.gov.au%2FDetails%2FF2022L00019&data=04%7C01%7CStuart.Hogan%40dfat.gov.au%7Cacf5f1e119444fc15d2408d9ec379d63%7C9b7f23b30e8347a58a40ffa8a6fea536%7C0%7C0%7C637800546768093936%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=VGJ%2BHoZ42uUU4vvkTyxqO%2FZD35NubZd9IUTQaoBFdKQ%3D&reserved=0).The Determination is made under subsection 477(1) of the [*Biosecurity Act 2015* (Cth)](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.legislation.gov.au%2FDetails%2FC2021C00355&data=04%7C01%7CStuart.Hogan%40dfat.gov.au%7Cacf5f1e119444fc15d2408d9ec379d63%7C9b7f23b30e8347a58a40ffa8a6fea536%7C0%7C0%7C637800546768093936%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=TA9eWg9Izt0nfJ9i31zl2wO2hJb1KdnSsGlj05hVob8%3D&reserved=0).The measure was in place from 8 January 2022. The measure ceased on 17 April 2022. | The Determination prohibited the exports of COVID-19 rapid antigen test kits unless an exception under section 9 of the Determination applied. Section 9 outlined exceptions for both non-commercial and commercial purposes.This was a temporary measure to ensure that COVID-19 rapid antigen test kits were reasonably and appropriately available to individuals who required a test, as part of Australia’s public health response to controlling the spread of COVID-19. |

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1. \* In English only. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)