NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 14 October 2020, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

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| Agricultural Export Legislation - Release of the Exposure Draft Export Control Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2020 |
| The Australian Government is making improvements to its agricultural export legislation. A new legislative framework for Australia's agricultural exports will commence on 28 March 2021, comprising the *Export Control Act 2020* (the Act) and the Export Control Rules 2020.  The Australian Government has released an Exposure Draft Export Control Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2020 (the Bill) for consultation. The Bill proposes minor amendments to the Act to support implementation of the new legislation:   * fit and proper person test for variations of registrations and alterations of establishments * notices of intention (NOI) to export * requirements for export permits * review of decisions relating to tariff quota entitlements * incorporation of documents in the Rules.   The Bill and supporting information are available on the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment's website - <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/market-access-trade/improving-export-legislation.Trading> partners can review the Bill and supporting information, and make submissions until 26 October 2020.  The focus for consultation with stakeholders, including trading partners, is to ensure the new legislation is clear and fit-for-purpose - supporting growth and innovation, while maintaining the standards our trading partners expect.  There is no change to Australia's commitment to meet the importing requirements of our trading partners, and the improved legislation will continue to meet Australia's international obligations - including those under the SPS agreement. |
| **This addendum concerns a:** |
| [ ] Modification of final date for comments |
| [**X**] Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation |
| [**X**] 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)*: Submissions open until 29 October 2020. |
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