NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** AUSTRALIA  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  **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:**  Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  Email: [tbt.enquiry@dfat.gov.au](mailto:tbt.enquiry@dfat.gov.au) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Organic and bio-dynamic products |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Australian National Standard for Organic and Bio-Dynamic Produce Edition 3.8 (76 pages), in English; (76 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Australian Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is advising the release the Australian National Standard for Organic and Bio-Dynamic Produce Edition 3.8 to supersede the previous edition 3.7 dated September 2016.  Australia is allowing a sixty (60 days) comment period. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The Australian National Standard for Organic and Bio-dynamic Produce (the standard) outlines the conditions needed to be met to export organic or bio-dynamic goods from Australia.  The update to this standard is to maintain a 'fit-for-purpose' status, in line with changes to consumer information, labelling, prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection.  Edition 3.8 of the standard provides amendments to Section 1.15 Livestock breeds and breeding (use of Semen Sexing in livestock intended for milk production), amendments to Section 3.1 Cosmetics and Skin Care (the addition of sodium hydroxide) andintroduces Section 3.2 on Wine Production. ; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  Australian National Standard for Organic and Bio-Dynamic Produce Edition 3.8. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 1 January 2023  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 January 2023 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 24 February 2023 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  WTO TBT Enquiry Point  Office of Trade Negotiations  Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  Canberra A.C.T  Tel: + (61 2) 6261 1111  Email:  [tbt.enquiry@dfat.gov.au](mailto:tbt.enquiry@dfat.gov.au)  <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/national-standard-edition.pdf> |