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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Bovine semen
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Bovine Semen from New Caledonia (7 pages)
5.	Description of content: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- description of import permit- description of health certificate- conditions of entry- agents responsibilities- model health certificate- country health status- residency requirements- animal history and health status- supervision of collecting programme- testing- semen collecting and processing- semen storage
6.	Objective and rationale: To facilitate the importation of bovine semen from New Caledonia into Australia without jeopardising the health status of Australian bovines.

7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist []. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations: These conditions are based on EU Directive 88/407/EEC. Australia is free of some virulent strains of pestivirus. The EU Directive requires a virus isolation test during the 30 days before the pre-collection isolation period. These conditions require a virus neutralisation test pre-collection, a comparative test after collection and a virus isolation test during collection.
8.	Relevant documents: Quarantine requirements for the importation of bovine embryos from New Caledonia
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: These amendments to existing conditions were introduced on 30 November 1995.
10.	Final date for comments: Comments are welcome at any time. Conditions can be amended and updated as required.
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: