NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Australia  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Plants for planting (Nursery stock - excluding tissue culture) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]****All trading partners**  **[****X]** **Specific regions or countries:** Argentina, Japan |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** List of host countries of *Phytopthora ramorum* expanded to include Argentina and Japan.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** EPPO Reporting Service No. 3 2021 (<https://gd.eppo.int/reporting/article-6988>) cited recent research indicating an expanded distribution of *Phytophthora ramorum*. In response, after subsequent investigation of the cited research, Japan is now recognised as a high-risk country where *Phytophthora ramorum* is present. The cited research is Jung, T., et al. (2021) The destructive tree pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum* originates from the laurosilva forests of East Asia. Journal of Fungi 7, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/jof7030226>.  Australia now also recognises Argentina as a high-risk country where *Phytophthora ramorum* is present, as a result of research conducted by Vélez, M. V., et al. (2020) *Phytophthora austrocedri* in Argentina and co-inhabiting phytophthoras: roles of anthropogenic and abiotic factors in species distribution and diversity. Forests 11, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.3390/f11111223>.  Plants for planting (nursery stock) from Argentina and Japan must comply with specific conditions for import into Australia, which includes mandatory post-entry quarantine growth and testing for *Phytophthora ramorum* at the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment post-entry quarantine facility.  Import conditions are available on Australia's Biosecurity Import Conditions (BICON) system: <https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0/>. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [ ]****animal health, [****X]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[ ]****Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[ ]****World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[****X]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** ISPM No. 6, 8 and 11  **[ ]****None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[****X]** **Yes [ ]****No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 19 May 2021  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 19 May 2021 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** Immediately.  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  The Australian SPS Notification Authority  GPO Box 858  Canberra ACT 2601  Australia  E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au |
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