



NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: AUSTRALIA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
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): Nursery stock, tissue culture, cuttings, budwood, rooted plants, corms and bulbs of 89 families of plants known to host <i>Xylella</i> spp.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Emergency measures for nursery stock and tissue culture against <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> and related <i>Xylella</i> species Language(s): English Number of pages: 2
6. Description of content: Notification that Australia proposes to implement emergency measures for the import of nursery stock, tissue cultures, cuttings, budwood, rooted plants, corms and bulbs into Australia to reduce the quarantine risks presented by <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> and related <i>Xylella</i> species (<i>Xylella</i>). Measures are outlined in the following link to the Biosecurity Import Conditions system (BICON): https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0/ViewElement/Element/Alert?elementPk=230789 .
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: <i>Xylella</i> is a bacterium that is very damaging to plants. It has not been detected in Australia but it is spreading around the world. Recent outbreaks in France and Italy have been devastating to local farmers. <i>Xylella</i> poses a significant threat because many plant species are susceptible and every year tests show more plant species are infected. It is carried by infected nursery stock and transmitted by leafhoppers, sharpshooters and spittlebugs, facilitating invasion of new countries and regions. <i>Xylella</i> affects a range of important plants: citrus, wine and table grapes, olives, forestry and amenity trees, almonds, cherries, peaches, plums, avocados, blueberries, coffee, pecans and alfalfa. <i>Xylella</i> causes great losses in grapevines as Pierce's disease, in citrus as citrus variegated chlorosis (CVC) and in olives as quick decline, leaf scorch and dieback. It also affects many ornamental species, common street and landscape trees and trees in productive forests. Australia introduced measures to specifically manage the risks of introduction of <i>X. fastidiosa</i> in high risk nursery stock in 2009. In light of the expanded host range and

<p>global spread, these measures are being strengthened and expanded to other hosts that were not previously regulated for this disease.</p> <p>The emergency measures require that imports of tissue cultures and nursery stock from infected countries are tested and certified free of the disease by the National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO). Countries that are free from the disease are required to attest to country freedom on a phytosanitary certificate issued by the NPPO.</p> <p>Australia will review the emergency measures as the global distribution, host range stabilises and the impact of the disease becomes clear. All emergency conditions will be published on the departments Biosecurity Import Conditions (BICON) system.</p>
<p>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) IPPC Article 7 and ISPM 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 19 November 2015</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The Australian SPS contact point GP Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Fax: +(61 2) 6272 3678 E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>



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Addendum

The following communication, received on 18 July 2019, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Emergency measures for nursery stock and tissue culture against *Xylella fastidiosa* and related *Xylella* species

On 9 November 2015 Australia notified of the implementation of emergency measures for the import of nursery stock, tissue cultures, cuttings, budwood, rooted plants, corms and bulbs against *Xylella fastidiosa* and related *Xylella* species.

Following the notification of the presence of *Xylella fastidiosa* in Israel on 25 June 2019 (EPPO Reporting Service no. 06 - 2019), Australia notifies that it has extended the list of *Xylella* spp. high risk countries that require specific import conditions for import to Australia to include Israel, effective 6 July 2019. This addition and current measures are described in the following link: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/goods/plant-products/how-to-import-plants/xylella/notification-amended-emergency-quarantine-measures>.

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Based on additional information on the host range of *Xylella* bacteria, Australia notifies that emergency measures for *Xylella* will be extended to nursery stock belonging to the following nine additional plant families, effective 3 August 2020:

- Cannaceae
- Gesneriaceae
- Linaceae
- Polemoniaceae
- Resedaceae
- Scrophulariaceae
- Simmondsiaceae
- Strelitziaceae
- Tamaricaceae.

These additions and current measures are described in the following link:
<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/goods/plant-products/how-to-import-plants/xylella/notification-amended-emergency-quarantine-measures>

When published, the revised import conditions will be made available in the Biosecurity Import Conditions system: <https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0/>

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