

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>AUSTRALIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)
<b>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):</b> Shipping containers entering Australia.
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> All countries identified in the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) Giant African Snail Country Action List.
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Draft AQIS Giant African Snail (GAS) Country Action List (available in English, 2 pages, <a href="#">AQIS webpage</a> .) and Revision to the Draft AQIS GAS Country Action List (available in English, 5 pages, <a href="mailto:sps.contact@daff.gov.au">sps.contact@daff.gov.au</a> ).
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Shipping containers imported into Australia from GAS host countries pose a risk of contamination with GAS. The AQIS GAS Country Action List has been reviewed to ensure that it reflects current GAS distribution patterns and the relative risk of GAS entering Australia. Countries identified on the Draft AQIS GAS Country Action List may seek exemption by providing evidence of pest free area status as per ISPM 4 and ISPM 10.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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
<b>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>  International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures Publication No.10 Requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites.  International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures Publication No. 4 Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas.

<p><b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Draft AQIS Giant African Snail (GAS) Country Action List (available in English through <a href="#">AQIS webpage</a>) and Revision to the Draft AQIS GAS Country Action List (available in English through <a href="mailto:sps.contact@daff.gov.au">sps.contact@daff.gov.au</a>).</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 29 August 2005</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 29 August 2005</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> 1 August 2005</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The Australian SPS Notification Point GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Fax: + (612) 6272 3678 E-mail/Internet: <a href="mailto:sps.contact@daff.gov.au">sps.contact@daff.gov.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.daff.gov.au">http://www.daff.gov.au</a></p>
<p><b>13. Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The Australian SPS Notification Point GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Fax: + (612) 6272 3678 E-mail/Internet: <a href="mailto:sps.contact@daff.gov.au">sps.contact@daff.gov.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.daff.gov.au">http://www.daff.gov.au</a></p>