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Food and Drug Administration
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RE: Docket No. 02N - 0278

Prior Notice of Imported Food Under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002

I refer to the Federal Register Notice, Docket No. 02N-0278 inviting comments on the interim final rule for the prior notification of imported food published by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Health and Human Services, under the *Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act 2002 (Bioterrorism Act)*.

The Government of Australia welcomes the opportunity to comment on the prior notice provisions. Australia's specific comments on the Docket No. 02N-0278 are attached.

Yours sincerely

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