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## ANNEX 6-A

### COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

#### SECTION A

##### COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Control is shared between the national authorities of the Member States and the European Commission. In this respect, the following applies:

- (a) for exports to Australia, the Member States are responsible for the control of the production circumstances and requirements, including statutory inspections or audits and issuing health certification in relation to the agreed SPS measures and requirements;
- (b) for imports from Australia, the Member States are responsible for the control of compliance of the imports with the European Union's import conditions; and
- (c) the European Commission is responsible for the overall coordination, inspection or audits of control systems and the necessary measures, including legislative action to ensure uniform application of standards and requirements of this Chapter.

#### SECTION B

##### COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF AUSTRALIA

The competent authority for Australia, for the purposes of implementing this Chapter, is the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, and its successors.