

ANNEX 6-A – COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

SECTION A – COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

For the Union, with respect to competent authorities, control in the area of sanitary and phytosanitary matters is shared between the national authorities of the Member States and the European Commission. In that respect, the following applies:

- (a) for exports to Australia, the national authorities of the Member States are responsible for the control of the production circumstances and requirements, including statutory inspections or audits and issuing health certificates in relation to the agreed SPS measures and requirements;
- (b) for imports from Australia, the national authorities of the Member States are responsible for the control of compliance of the imports with the 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 Chapter 6 (Sanitary and phytosanitary measures).

SECTION B – COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF AUSTRALIA

For Australia, the competent authority, for the purposes of implementing Chapter 6 (Sanitary and phytosanitary measures), is the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry or its successor.