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### PROPOSED REVISION TO SECTION 3.2.2 IN THE GUIDELINE ON EMERGENCIES

(Prepared by the United States of America, the European Union, New Zealand, Canada, and Australia)

#### Agenda Item 7:

The USA, EU, New Zealand, Canada, and Australia have been working on a proposed revision to section 3.2.2 in the guideline on emergencies. We wanted to share this proposal with you in preparation for today's discussion on this topic:

**Proposed 3.2.2** "Recognize that any flexibilities implemented within their jurisdiction are subject to the prior agreement of the importing country's competent authority, should such products be exported."

I'd like to thank Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the EU for their collaborative efforts in developing this revision, which is intended to both clarify further the role of competent authorities and provide a less prescriptive approach than the section in the [VWG report](#).\*

**\*Current/previous 3.2.2** "[Consult with any countries to which products subject to the flexibility may be exported to ensure the importing country's agreement to the authorized flexibility before exporting any such products to the importing country.]"