

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Instrument under section 303EC(1)(c)

**(Issued under the Authority of the Minister for Sustainability,
Environment, Water, Population and Communities)**

Under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), a live specimen is allowed to be imported only if it is included on the list of specimens taken to be suitable for live import (live import list).

The list was established in accordance with s.303EB of the EPBC Act and has two Parts. Part 1 comprises species exempt from the requirement for an import permit under the EPBC Act. Part 2 comprises species that require an import permit under the EPBC Act.

The effect of this instrument is to update the scientific names and common names of nineteen marine fish listings on Part 1 of the list of specimens suitable for live import. The scientific name changes are to correct typographical errors or to replace invalid synonyms with the current valid names. The common name changes are to enable easier identification.

The EPBC Act does not require consultation for amendments that are simply correcting an inaccuracy or updating the name of a species. No consultation was undertaken in this case.

Amendments to the live import list can be made either on the initiative of the Minister or by application. This list amendment was initiated by an application made to the Minister under s.303EE of the EPBC Act. In determining whether to amend the live import list to include these ten species, the Minister considered the outcomes of assessment reports on the potential impacts on the environment, prepared in accordance with s.303EF of the EPBC Act.

Statement of compatibility with human rights

This legislative instrument is compatible with the human rights and freedoms recognised or declared in the international instruments listed in section 3 of the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011 (Cth). This legislative instrument does not engage any of the applicable rights or freedoms.

This instrument is a legislative instrument for the purposes of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*. It will take effect the day after it is registered.

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