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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2005/11
DETERMINATION OF THE EXTENSION OF EXISTING POLICY OF KOREAN PEAR FRUIT
FROM HADONG COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH KOREA

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) advises stakeholders of the final policy determination for the importation of fresh Korean pear fruit from a new area in South Korea (Hadong County).

Biosecurity Australia (BA) received a request from South Korea in March 2005 to allow the importation of fresh Korean pear fruit into Australia from a new area, Hadong County in South Korea. The species of pear nominated for export is the same as the one permitted for export into Australia *Pyrus ussiriensis* var. *viridis* for which a pest risk analysis (PRA) was completed in 1999.

The current policy allows imports from any area south of the Han River in Korea, due to the absence of black stem blight (*Erwinia pyrifoliae*). Imports of Korean pear fruit into Australia commenced in 1999 from the Seon Whan area under the agreed import policy. No pests and diseases of quarantine concern to Australia have been intercepted in the six years of trade in Korean pear fruit.

Consistent with the IRA report released in 1999, a plant pathologist from BA visited the new area in Hadong County in July 2005, located in the permitted area (south of the Han River), and was satisfied that the export pear orchards were free from black stem blight and other diseases and pests of quarantine concern to Australia.

BA considered this market access request as an extension of existing policy, and made a recommendation to the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine that fresh Korean pears from a new area in South Korea should be permitted entry into Australia under existing quarantine conditions.

The Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine has subsequently determined a variation to existing policy to permit the entry of fresh Korean pears from a new area, Hadong County in South Korea to Australia.

The final report of 1999 is available on the BA website at www.daff.gov.au/biosecurityaustralia under 'current topics' or copies can be requested from Technical and Administrative Services at the following address:

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Consultation

If you wish to suggest inclusion of an additional stakeholder on our distribution list, or if you wish to be removed from the distribution list, please provide details to Technical and Administrative Services.

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