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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2000/26

**IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS – FRESH LONGANS AND LYCHEES
FROM THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) provides stakeholders with information on a public meeting with stakeholders regarding the Import Risk Analysis (IRA) on the importation of longans and lychees from the People’s Republic of China.

Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) 2000/19 of 12 October 2000 advised stakeholders that the IRA would be conducted using the routine process, and that an in-house scientific assessment team would conduct the IRA. During this process, AFFA would seek input from stakeholders and external technical experts where necessary.

As part of the consultative process, a public meeting with stakeholders will be held to discuss the preliminary pest lists and identify potential quarantine pests of fresh fruits of longan and lychee. A meeting will be held on Monday 29 January 2001 at the Queensland Department of Primary Industries (QDPI) Head Office, Dept of Primary Industry Building, 80 Ann Street in Brisbane and a similar one on Wednesday 31 January 2001 at QDPI main office, 28 Peters Street in Mareeba.

At the meetings the morning session will cover and address any questions on:

- the Import Risk Analysis (IRA) process;
- pest risk analysis;
- preliminary pest lists for longans and for lychees from China; and
- pest categorisation.

The afternoon session will be run as a workshop where industry will have input into the pest categorisation.

Please contact the Import Risk Analysis Secretariat by close of business on Friday 12 January 2001, if you plan on attending either the Brisbane or the Mareeba meeting. Copies of the draft preliminary pest lists will be sent to those stakeholders wishing to attend and on request to other stakeholders.

If you wish to suggest inclusion of an additional stakeholder in our distribution list for this IRA, or if you wish to be removed from the distribution list, please provide details to the Import Risk Analysis Secretariat at the following address.

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