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PLANT QUARANTINE POLICY MEMORANDUM 2000/08

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE FINAL IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS PAPER - FRESH TABLE GRAPES FROM CALIFORNIA, USA

This Plant Quarantine Policy Memorandum (PQPM) provides stakeholders with a supplementary paper to the final Import Risk Analysis (IRA) for fresh table grapes from California, USA.

The supplement was prepared in response to the recommendation made by the Import Risk Analysis Appeal Panel (IRAAP) which considered 10 appeals made against the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) determination to allow the importation of fresh table grapes from California.

The IRAAP found no evidence that any relevant technical or scientific information had been ignored and concluded that AQIS had handled the process consistent with Government policy, in harmony with international standards and had met the consultation process requirements of the *AQIS Import Risk Analysis Process Handbook*.

The IRAAP reported that certain aspects of the IRA appear not to have been conducted in a fully transparent manner. The IRAAP considered that the basis on which decisions or judgements had been taken should be fully documented to ensure that all stakeholders were fully informed. In particular, in the following two issues, the IRAAP indicated that insufficient information was supplied to draw the reader to the same conclusion as that in the IRA:

1. efficacy data for methyl bromide treatment;
2. the risk of introduction of Pierce's disease.

A copy of the supplement paper to the final IRA for table grapes is enclosed for your information.

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