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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2001/12

IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS SAWN CONIFEROUS TIMBER FROM CANADA, NEW ZEALAND AND THE UNITED STATES

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 coniferous sawn timber from the USA, Canada and New Zealand.

PBPM 2001/02 of 9 February provided stakeholders with copies of the issues papers for the IRAs on:

- coniferous sawn timber and logs from Canada, New Zealand and the US, and
- wooden packaging materials entering Australia from Asia (including any associated with imported commodities).

The PBPM also advised that, if there were sufficient stakeholder interest, the Risk Analysis Panel would conduct public meetings to discuss the scope of the analysis and issues arising from the issues papers. As a result of the response from stakeholders, it has been agreed to hold public meetings for each IRA.

Initially, a stakeholder meeting will be held on the IRA for coniferous sawn timber and logs from Canada, New Zealand and the United States. Subsequently, stakeholders will be notified of details for a meeting on the IRA for wooden packaging materials from Asia.

The initial meeting will be held from 0900 – 1230 on Friday 15th of June, 2001 in the first floor meeting room at The Castlereagh Inn, 169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney. Lunch will be served after the meeting at 1230.

The meeting will cover and address any questions on:

- The background to Import Risk Analysis (IRA)
- World Trade Organisation Agreement
- The Sanitary and Phytosanitary Agreement
- Interception data on coniferous sawn timber
- Current import conditions for the USA, Canada and New Zealand
- Preliminary pest lists for coniferous timber from the USA, Canada and New Zealand

Please contact the Technical and Administrative Services Section of Plant Biosecurity by **close of business on Tuesday 12th June 2001**, if you plan on attending the meeting.



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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 Technical and Administrative Services at the following address.

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