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## **PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2001/23**

### **DRAFT IRA ON NEW ZEALAND APPLES -**

### **INVENTORY OF ISSUES RAISED**

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) advised stakeholders that Biosecurity Australia has issued a final inventory of the issues identified in the submissions on the draft IRA on New Zealand apples.

Biosecurity Australia has produced the inventory as a first step towards identifying and addressing issues which need to be resolved before the final IRA is prepared. As outlined in PBPM 2001/11 of 24 May 2001, it was Biosecurity Australia's intention to respond to the issues included in the inventory via a scientific review paper. Management of this task, along with all other work on the IRA, will now become the responsibility of the risk analysis panel (RAP), that was announced in PBPM 2001/22 of 8 October 2001.

The inventory will help ensure that all the comments made in submissions are addressed in the Scientific Review Paper, and ultimately the final IRA. However, this does not mean that the submissions that have been made will no longer be used. Especially in the case of the more detailed submissions, it will be necessary for the RAP to refer directly to submissions. Biosecurity Australia has kept records which will enable comments in the inventory to be traced back to the source submissions.

PBPM 2001/13 of 2 July 2001 provided stakeholders with a draft inventory of issues raised in stakeholders' submissions for comment. Eleven stakeholders responded to the draft inventory. Their comments have enabled us to finalise the inventory and begin to prepare a scientific review paper. Several stakeholders made comments not specifically about the draft inventory. The Australian Apple and Pear Growers Association Inc (AAPGA) provided detailed commentary on its view of the important issues surrounding the IRA. This response is at attachment 1 for the information of stakeholders and is included as an annex to the final inventory.



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The final inventory is available via the AFFA web site at <http://www.affa.gov.au/plantcra> or in hard copy from the contact listed below. The final has been annotated to highlight where changes have been made from the draft, with additions underlined and deletions struck through. Approximately 50 new comments have been added, predominantly to the risk assessment section. In addition, a small number of errors have been corrected. An excerpt of the final inventory that indicates the changes made is at attachment 2. This excerpt contains only those particular heading under which change have been made. Where a new comment has been added, the existing comments immediately before and after under the same heading have been included as reference points. This text has been printed in grey to further distinguish it from the amended text.

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