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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2001/05

**PLANT BIOSECURITY: IMPORT ACCESS PROPOSALS AND
UPDATE ON IMPORT RISK ANALYSES**

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) provides a list of plant and plant product import access proposals received by AFFA. It also contains a status report on Plant Biosecurity's import risk analysis (IRA) work program.

Each year AFFA receives many proposals to import agricultural commodities. Plant Biosecurity maintains a register of plant and plant product requests and as resources become available the highest priority requests are commenced.

In deciding priority, AFFA takes into account factors such as the availability of data, the order of receipt of proposals, the breadth and nature of interest in the establishment of new or revised conditions, the need to consider access by a particular date, as well as stakeholder comment.

The current list of import access proposals is at Attachment A. The list of import access proposals is also on the AFFA web site and is updated on the receipt of each new request. Stakeholders may now offer information and comment on the priority they consider should be accorded by AFFA to each proposal.

Currently there are 21 plant and plant product IRAs under way. A list of Plant Biosecurity's current IRA work program is provided at Attachment B.

For more information or if you wish to be placed on a mailing list for a particular IRA or import access proposal, please contact the technical and administrative services team of Plant Biosecurity, whose details appear on the back of this memorandum.

In addition to the attached information I also recommend that you regularly check our homepage for information on plant quarantine issues:
http://www.affa.gov.au/docs/market_access/biosecurity/plantbiosec.html

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**PLANT BIOSECURITY
IMPORT ACCESS PROPOSALS NOT YET COMMENCED**

Request	Type of Policy	Date
Africa		
1. Corn/maize seed (sowing)	New	1996
Argentina		
2. Dried grapes on stem	New	1995
3. Lucerne seed (sowing)	New	1999
4. Sunflower Seed (sowing)	New	1996
Brazil		
5. Mangoes	New	1999
6. Papaya	New	1999
Canada		
7. Apples	New	pre 1994
8. Cherries	New	pre 1994
9. Olive plants	New	1998
Chile		
10. Apples	New	1996
11. Kiwifruit	New	1996
12. Stonefruit	New	1993
13. Sweetcorn seed	New	2000
14. Raspberry	New	2000
15. Blueberry	New	2000
16. Blackberry	New	2000
17. Red and black current	New	2000
18. Strawberry	New	2000
China		
19. Stone fruit bud wood	Review	2000
20. Apples	New	2001
21. Pears	New	2001
22. Peaches	New	2001
Colombia		
23. Fresh avocados with seed	New	1999
24. Cut flowers	New	1999

Egypt		
25. Mangoes	New	1999
26. Citrus	New	1999
27. Okra	New	1996
28. Dates	New	1991

Ecuador		
29. Bananas	New	1996

EU		
30. Cotton seed (sowing)	New	1987
31. Sorghum seed (sowing)	New	1988
32. Sunflower seed (sowing)	New	1996
33. Corn/maize seed (sowing)	New	1996
34. Lucerne seed (sowing)	Revise	

Fiji		
35. Mangoes	New	1994
36. Eggplant	New	1994
37. Breadfruit	New	1994
38. Jackfruit	New	1994
39. Duruka	New	1994
40. Bittergourd	New	1994

Ghana		
41. Yams	New	1997

Global		
42. Coconuts	New	1994
43. Eucalyptus/ Acacia/Pinus	New	Int Review
44. Legume seed	New	1995
45. Strawberry propagating material	New	Int Review
46. Asparagus	Revise	
47. Kiwifruit	Revise	
48. Forest tree germplasm	New	1999
49. Pome fruit (North Asia)	Revise	1998
50. Grapevine material	Revise	1998
51. Stone fruit propagating material	Revise	1999
52. Ornamental plants	Revise	1997
53. Sugarcane	Revise	2000

Greece		
54. Kiwifruit	New	1996
55. Olive plants	New	1998

India		
56. Sunflower Seed (sowing)	New	1996
57. Sorghum seed (sowing)	New	1996
58. Corn/maize seed (sowing)	New	1996

Indonesia		
59. Mangoes	New	1993

Italy		
60. Grapes	New	1999

Israel		
61. Lemons	New	1995
62. Persimmons	New	1995

Japan		
63. Citrus (unshu mandarin)	New	pre 1994
64. Persimmons	New	1989
65. Nectarine	New	1994
66. Table grapes	New	1994
67. Tangerines	New	pre 1994
68. Peaches	New	pre 1994

Korea		
69. Apples	New	1993
70. Citrus (unshu mandarin)	New	1994
71. Table grapes	New	1993
72. Persimmons	New	

Malaysia		
73. Papaya	New	1995

Mexico		
74. Citrus	New	2000
75. Grapes	New	2000
76. Watermelon	New	2000
77. Melons	New	2000
78. Peaches	New	2000
79. Apples	New	2000
80. Plums	New	2000
81. Mangoes	New	2000
82. Guava	New	2000
83. Avocados	New	2000

New Zealand		
84. Lucerne seed	New	pre 1994
85. Potatoes	New	1991
86. Carnations	New	1995
87. Boysenberries	New	1990
88. Raspberries	New	1990
89. Strawberries	New	1990
90. Olive material	New	1997
91. Eucalyptus spp. tissue culture plantlets	Revise	1999
92. Potato tissue cultures and seed	Revise	2000
93. Asiatic lilies	New	1998

Philippines		
94. Papaya	New	pre 1994

Puerto Rico		
95. Mangoes	New	1994

Republic of South Africa		
96. Stone fruit	New	1996
97. Grapes	New	1996

Solomon Islands		
98. Fruit and Vegetables (cucurbits, capsicum, yam, taro)	New	1991

Spain		
99. Olive plants	New	1998

Tahiti		
100. Various flowers and fruits	New	1993

Taiwan		
101. Mangoes	New	1990

Thailand		
102. Mango/Mangosteen	New	1991
103. Okra	New	1996
104. Teak	New	1999
105. Corn/maize seed (sowing)	New	1996
106. Longan/Lychee	New	2000
107. Pineapple	New	2001

USA		
108. Stonefruit - Nectarines, Peaches & Plums	New	1994
109. Apples	New	1995
110. Blueberries	New	1994
111. Cranberries	New	1991
112. Pears	New	1995
113. Sunflower seed (sowing)	New	1996
114. Sorghum seed (sowing)	New	1996
115. Irradiated papaya (Hawaii)	New	2000

Zambia		
116. Corn	New	1999
117. Beans	New	1999

Zimbabwe		
118. Strawberries	New	1994
119. Cut flowers	New	1999

**PLANT BIOSECURITY
CURRENT IMPORT RISK ANALYSES**

IRA (R) Routine (NR) Non Routine	Status	Comments and Next Steps
Allium (R)	Letter of 2 July 1999 to stakeholders on determination on type of process.	Release of draft IRA has been delayed as BA is progressing work on other IRAs that are considered a higher priority.
Apples, NZ (R)	PBPM 2000/25 of 20 December 2000 advised stakeholders of an extension to the comment period until 29 February 2001.	In house technical team analysing comments received in response to the draft IRA.
Bananas, The Philippines (NR)	PBPM 2001/01 of 4 January 2001 advised stakeholders of the determination on the Risk Analysis Panel (RAP), scope and timing for the IRA.	RAP met and determined the composition of the Technical Working Groups. The RAP is now preparing the Issues paper that will be distributed to stakeholders
Bulbs, Ornamental (NR)	PBPM 2000/25 of 23 November 2000 distributed the draft IRA to stakeholders for comments by 12 February 2001.	In house technical team analysing comments received in response to the draft IRA.
Citrus, Florida (R)	Letter of 10 August 1998 to stakeholders on the determination on the type of process. Draft IRA delayed as BA was waiting to receive information from the US on the spread of citrus canker in Florida.	BA has received information from the US regarding citrus canker and the draft IRA is nearing completion.
Citrus, Italy (R)	Letter of 7 May 1999 to stakeholders on the determination on the type of process.	As BA is currently conducting two other IRAs on citrus fruit that are considered higher priorities, the IRA on citrus from Italy has been delayed. However, as a number of complex issues will have already been addressed in considering the other citrus IRAs, this will assist with the finalisation of the risk analysis process for citrus from Italy.
Citrus, South Africa (R)	Letter of 14 July 1998 to stakeholders on determination on type of process.	Draft IRA paper on hold pending receipt of additional information requested from the South African authorities.

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Coniferous sawn timber & logs, Nth America (NR)	PBPM 2001/02 of 9 February 2001 provided stakeholders with a copy of the issues paper. Comments close 13 April 2001.	Stakeholder comments on the issues papers will be provided to the RAP for consideration. RAP will then conduct risk analysis.
Lime, New Caledonia (R)	Letter of 18 May 1999 to stakeholders on the determination on the type of process.	Release of draft IRA delayed because BA is progressing other IRAs that are considered a higher priority.
Lychees and Longans, China (R)	Stakeholder meetings conducted in Brisbane and Mareeba as per PBPM 2000/26 of 20 December 2000.	Stakeholders will be provided with a summary of the stakeholder meetings held in Brisbane and Mareeba.
Maize, USA (NR)	PBPM 2000/15 of 30 August 2000 provided stakeholders with a copy of the revised draft IRA for comment.	Stakeholder comments have been considered in preparing the final IRA and a recommendation will be made to the Deputy Secretary of AFFA with regard to the release of the final IRA. Final IRA due for release March 2001.
Mushrooms (NR)	Issues paper released on 11 November 1999.	Release of draft IRA has been delayed as BA is progressing other IRAs that are considered a higher priority.
Papaya, Fiji (R)	Stakeholders advised of delay on 18 May 1999 due to a request sent to the Fijian Government requesting further heat disinfestation data.	BA has received some data from the Fijian Government and this data is now being reviewed.
Pineapples, Global (R)	PBPM 2001/04 of 15 March 2001 provided stakeholders with details of a stakeholder workshop.	Stakeholder workshop to be held in Brisbane on 2 April 2001.
Snow Peas, Africa (R)	Letter of 7 December 1998 to stakeholders on the determination on the type of process.	Release of draft IRA has been delayed as BA is progressing work on other IRAs that are considered a higher priority.

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Sweet Corn, Idaho USA (R)	Draft IRA released 6 Jan 2000.	Stakeholder comments have been considered in preparing the final IRA and a recommendation will be made to the Deputy Secretary of AFFA with regard to the release of the final IRA. Final IRA due for release March 2001.
Table Grapes, California (R)	PQPM 2001/03 of 1 March 2001 provided stakeholders with a copy of the CSIRO report on Pierce's Disease and the Glassy Winged Sharp Shooter.	AFFA has accepted recommendations of CSIRO scientists that further research is necessary on the effect of cold treatment and methyl bromide on the Glassy Winged Sharp Shooter. No imports will be permitted until the research has been completed.
Table Grapes, Chile (R)	Letter of 15 April 1999 to stakeholders on the determination on the type of process.	Risk Analysis being conducted.
Tomatoes, Netherlands (R)	Stakeholders advised of delay in letter of 29 July 1999 due to change in commodity pathway from individual fruits, to include fruits in truss.	Draft due for release in mid 2001.
Wood packing materials, Asia (NR)	PBPM 2001/02 of 9 February 2001 provided stakeholders with a copy of the issues paper. Comments close 13 April 2001.	Stakeholder comments on the issues papers will be provided to the RAP for consideration. RAP will then conduct risk analysis.
Yam Bean, Samoa (R)	Letter of 30 March 1999 to stakeholders consulting on the type of process to follow.	IRA on hold pending receipt of additional information from the Samoan government. No further action is possible until this information is received.