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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2001/09

GLOBAL IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS – FRESH PINEAPPLE

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) provides stakeholders with information from the stakeholder workshop held in Brisbane on 3 April 2001 on the global Import Risk Analysis (IRA) on the importation of pineapples.

Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) 2001/06 advised stakeholders that, as part of the consultative process, a workshop with stakeholders was to be held on Tuesday 3 April 2001 at Golden Circle Cannery in Brisbane.

Over 20 stakeholders attended the workshop. The major items covered at the workshop were:

- Overview of Biosecurity Australia
- World Trade Organisation
- IRA process
- Overview of world production
- Overview of the Australian industry (Representative from Golden Circle)
- Overview of the Philippines' industry (Representative from Del Monte)
- History of pineapple access requests
- Pest risk analysis
- Current phytosanitary import requirements for pineapples and pineapple products
- Preliminary global pest list and pest categorisation.

All participants contributed to the success of the workshop. At the conclusion of the workshop, the following outcomes were reached:

- Stakeholders requested Plant Biosecurity undertake to release an Issues Paper (to include issues raised at the workshop) in approximately 8 weeks.
- Del Monte Philippines representatives offered to assist in providing information on pest prevalence, control and biology in the Philippines and to provide information on the effect of methyl bromide fumigation on the shelf-life of pineapples.
- Stakeholders should use the Technical and Administrative Services Section of Plant Biosecurity as the contact point for information on the status of the IRA.
- Stakeholders would be notified of any significant delays in the IRA process.



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- Stakeholders requested Plant Biosecurity welcome any comments, input or advice from stakeholders at any stage in the IRA process.
- Stakeholders requested Plant Biosecurity investigate the issue of strains of *Fusarium subglutinans*.
- Stakeholders requested Plant Biosecurity investigate the issue of closterovirus strains associated with pineapple wilt.
- Stakeholders requested Plant Biosecurity to include a statement on the risks and management of contaminating soil and other debris in the Draft IRA.
- Stakeholders requested Plant Biosecurity address the risk of weed seeds associated with pineapples.
- Stakeholders requested Plant Biosecurity examine the risk of *Asca pineta* (mite).
- Stakeholders requested Plant Biosecurity clarify the status of *Forcipomyia brevis* (pineapple midge) *Pantoea citrea* (pink disease).
- Del Monte undertook to provide information on *Metapocyrtus* sp. (broad-nosed weevil).
- Stakeholders requested Plant Biosecurity clarify the distribution of *Paratrechina longicornis* (crazy ant) and *Solenopsis geminata* (tropical fire ant) in Australia.
- Any potential animal quarantine risks (e.g. foot and mouth disease) would be addressed in the Draft IRA.
- Stakeholders requested Plant Biosecurity investigate the risks of snails on pineapple.

The general consensus from participants was that the workshop had been informative and beneficial. Biosecurity Australia would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our appreciation to all stakeholders who attended the workshop and for their cooperation and contribution.

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:

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