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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2001/15

GLOBAL IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS – FRESH PINEAPPLE FRUIT

The purpose of this Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) is to provide you with an update on the import risk analysis (IRA) process and a copy of the Issues Paper for the global IRA on fresh pineapple fruit.

Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum 2001/09 of 18 April 2001 provided stakeholders with information from the stakeholder workshop held in Brisbane on 3 April 2001 on the global IRA on the importation of pineapples.

Following recommendations by Agriculture and Resources Ministerial Council of Australia and New Zealand (ARMCANZ), Biosecurity Australia consulted further with stakeholders on proposed improvements to the IRA process (PBPM 2001/08 of 10 April 2001). Biosecurity Australia is currently considering those comments before preparing the second edition of the *Import Risk Analysis Process Handbook*.

Stakeholders will be aware that under the current process issues papers are prepared for non-routine IRAs but are not required for routine IRAs. However, on this occasion Biosecurity Australia has decided to release an issues paper for the routine global IRA on the importation of pineapples. The issues paper lists and categorises the pests and diseases of concern and Biosecurity Australia considers there is value in providing an opportunity for stakeholder input at this early stage of the process.

Future issues papers may vary from this one in their format and/ or content, depending on the outcome of the review of the IRA process.

The purpose of the enclosed Issues Paper is to provide information on:

- administration issues;
- the domestic and international biosecurity framework;
- Australia's current policy for the importation of pineapple;
- the methodology for pest categorisation;
- the consideration of issues raised by stakeholders at the stakeholder workshop (held on 3 April, 2001 in Brisbane);
- a pest list and preliminary pest categorisation; and
- an outline of further steps in the IRA process.



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It should be noted that Issues Papers for IRAs may vary significantly in size and content depending on the type of commodity under consideration, the complexity of the technical issues, and the availability of data. Issues Papers do not include estimates of quarantine risk or risk management options.

You are invited to comment on the enclosed Issues Paper. Written submissions will be accepted until the close of business Monday 15 October 2001 and should be forwarded to:

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Subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1988*, all submissions received with respect to the import proposal will be publicly available and be listed or referred to in papers or reports prepared on the proposal. If a request for anonymity does not accompany a submission, the respondent will be taken to have consented to the disclosure of his or her identity for the purposes of the *Privacy Act*. The contents of a submission will not be treated as confidential unless they are marked 'confidential' and they are capable of being classified as such in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act*.

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 above address.

Information on all IRAs being conducted by Plant Biosecurity is available on the web at http://www.affa.gov.au/docs/market_access/biosecurity/plantbiosec.html.

I look forward to receiving your comments on the Issues Paper.

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