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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/23

IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS - BANANAS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) provides stakeholders with an update on the starting times for the stakeholder meetings in Innisfail and Coffs Harbour.

PBPM 2002/20 of 14 May 2002 advised stakeholders of stakeholder meetings to be held in Coffs Harbour and Innisfail to discuss the technical information paper recently released by Biosecurity Australia, and the next steps for this IRA.

These meetings were originally scheduled to begin at 9.00am, however, it is realised that this schedule may be too early to allow both stakeholder and Biosecurity Australia attendees to reach the venue in time. The start time for the meetings have therefore been rescheduled as follows:

Coffs Harbour

Friday 7 June 2002
Coffs Harbour Showground
Norm Jordon Pavilion
Time: 10.00am - 2.30pm

Innisfail

Tuesday 11 June 2002
Conference Room
Centre for Wet Tropics Agriculture
South Johnstone Road
South Johnstone
Time: 10.00am - 2.30pm

If you have not already done so, could you please advise Technical and Administrative Services of Plant Biosecurity by Monday 27 May 2002 if you will be attending either of the above meetings.

Information discussed at the meetings will be considered by the RAP in preparing the draft IRA report.

Stakeholders wishing to receive regular updates on the progress of this risk analysis or information on how to lodge contributions can join the Biosecurity Australia stakeholder register by contacting:

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The contents of the 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.

Consultation

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 address above.

Information on all IRAs being conducted by Plant Biosecurity is available on the web at <http://www.affa.gov.au/plantbiosecurity>.

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