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BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA POLICY MEMORANDUM 2005/21*

**DRAFT POLICY FOR THE IMPORTATION OF
FRESH MANGOES FROM TAIWAN**

This Biosecurity Australia Policy Memorandum (BAPM) is to notify stakeholders of the release of the draft policy report for the importation of fresh mangoes from Taiwan and advises stakeholders of their opportunity to provide comment to Biosecurity Australia on the report.

BAPM 2005/14 of 28 October 2005 notified stakeholders that Biosecurity Australia (BA) had received an import proposal for fresh mango fruit from Taiwan which was being considered by BA as an extension of policy.

BA conducted a pest risk analysis to determine if fresh mango fruit from Taiwan could be imported safely into Australia. The *Draft Extension of Policy for the Importation of Fresh Mangoes (Mangifera indica L.) from Taiwan* has now been completed and released for comment by stakeholders.

The usual comment period for stakeholders to submit comments on a draft policy report would be 30 days. However, BA has extended the comment period to 60 days. This extended comment period takes into account that some stakeholders are engaged in mango fruit harvesting during this time in Australia and that stakeholders are not disadvantaged as a result of the seasonal holidays in both Australia and Taiwan.

The draft report is available from the Biosecurity Australia website at www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au. A hard copy of the document can be requested from Technical and Administrative Services.

Comments on the draft policy for the importation of fresh mangoes from Taiwan should be submitted by 18 February 2006 to the following address:

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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 1982*.

Consultation

If you wish to suggest inclusion of an additional stakeholder on our distribution list, or if you wish to be removed from the distribution list, please provide details to Technical and Administrative Services.

Information on all IRAs and policy reviews being conducted by Plant Biosecurity is available on the Internet at <http://www.daff.gov.au/plantbiosecurity>

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* Please note Biosecurity Australia has introduced a single system of 'Biosecurity Australia Policy Memoranda' covering animal and plant issues. This replaces the previous Animal Biosecurity Policy Memoranda and Plant Biosecurity Policy Memoranda.