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ANIMAL QUARANTINE POLICY MEMORANDUM 1998/86

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Animal and Plant Health Branch, BRS, DPIE
Veterinary Counsellors, Washington, Brussels & Seoul
Agricultural Counsellor, Tokyo

CSIRO Division of Animal Health
National Farmers’ Federation
Quarantine and Animal Health Task Force, NFF
Australian Animal Health Council
Australian Veterinary Association
Chief Veterinary Officer, MAF RA, NZ
National Meat Association of Australia
Fisheries and Aquaculture Branch, DPIE
Fisheries Research & Development Corporation
Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
Australian Recreational & Sport Fishing Confederation
Aquaculture CRC Limited
Australian Prawn Farmer’s Association
Australian Aquaculture Forum
Food and Beverage Importers Council
Health and Environment Committee
Aquatic Animal Disease Experts
Fishing, Industry and Community Organisations

IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS: IMPORTATION OF PRAWNS AND PRAWN PRODUCTS

TECHNICAL ISSUES PAPER

In AQPM 1998/42 AQIS provided a progress report on the import risk analysis (IRA) of prawns and prawn products. This followed the meeting of the Risk Analysis Panel (RAP), which is conducting the IRA, in March 1998. The RAP met in Townsville in August 1998 to facilitate the preparation of a Technical Issues Paper, a copy of which is attached.

The Technical Issues Paper is intended to promote discussion on the scope of the analysis, the main pest and disease risk issues and other matters relevant to the IRA. Public comment received will be considered by the RAP in the preparation of the draft report of the import risk analysis. Any comment you provide should be supported by scientific references, if available.

I would appreciate receiving your comments by 15 January 1999.
Please pass this circular to other interested parties, who should advise AQIS if they wish to be included in future communications on this matter. All inquiries should also be directed to the officer whose contact details appear below.

Confidentiality

Respondents are advised that, subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982 and the Privacy Act 1982, all submissions received in response to Animal Quarantine Policy Memoranda will be publicly available and may be listed or referred to in any papers or reports prepared on the subject matter of the Memoranda.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reveal the identity of a respondent unless a request for anonymity accompanies the submission. Where a request for anonymity does not accompany the submission the respondent will be taken to have consented to the disclosure of his or her identity for the purposes of Information Privacy Principle 11 of the Privacy Act.

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.

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