ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/16
IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS: NON-VIABLE PRAWNS AND PRAWN PRODUCTS PROGRESS REPORT

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) provides stakeholders with details of a public workshop to be held in Brisbane on Tuesday 21 May 2002. The workshop will give interested parties the opportunity to discuss the non-viable prawn and prawn products Import Risk Analysis (IRA).

A public workshop to discuss the non-viable prawn and prawn products Import Risk Analysis (IRA) will be held in Brisbane on Tuesday, 21 May 2002. The workshop will provide an opportunity for the Risk Analysis Panel (RAP) to present stakeholders with an update on recent work relating to the prawn IRA, the next steps in the IRA process and to clarify issues received in response to the Draft IRA. The workshop will also give interested parties the opportunity to discuss other issues relevant to the IRA. Details of the meeting are as follows:

Time: 10.00 am
Date: Tuesday, 21 May 2002
Location: Third Floor, Conference Room
Queensland Government - Department of Primary Industries
Primary Industries Building
80 Ann Street, Brisbane, Queensland.

A discussion paper for the workshop, “A summary of stakeholder responses to the Draft IRA report”, was circulated with ABPM 2002/11 on 25 March 2002. Copies of this discussion paper are available from the contact officer (see details below) or by accessing the AFFA website (go to www.affa.gov.au and follow the links from Market Access and Biosecurity through to Biosecurity Australia, to Import Risk Analysis, Current Animal IRAs, Prawns and Prawn Products – the discussion paper is ABPM 2002/11a).

The location of this workshop has been finalised following collation of the responses to ABPM 2002/11, which called for expressions of interest in participating in a workshop from stakeholders. Parties interested in participating in the workshops were asked to contact Biosecurity Australia by 17 April 2002. Workshops were also proposed for Townsville and Sydney.

Eight submissions were received from stakeholders, not all of which expressed interest in attending the workshops. Four responses indicated interest in attending a workshop in either Brisbane or Tweed Heads and one indicated interest in attending the proposed workshop in Sydney. No expressions of interest were received for the proposed workshop in Townsville. All submissions have been placed on the public file maintained by Animal Biosecurity in Canberra.
Next Steps

As outlined in ABPM 2002/11, the next RAP meeting is scheduled for 17 May 2002. The meeting agenda will include discussions on the national surveys for White Spot Syndrome Virus and Yellow Head Disease, the effects of disease on wild populations and the revised work plan for the IRA. A summary of the outcomes of both the RAP meeting and the public meeting will be circulated shortly after the public workshop.

Please pass this circular to other interested parties whom you may know of, and who should advise Biosecurity Australia if they wish to be included in future communications on this matter.

If you are not receiving Biosecurity Australia’s policy notes and newsletters and you would like to, you can become a registered stakeholder via the AFFA website. Go to, and follow the links from, Market Access and Biosecurity through to Biosecurity Australia. There is a downloadable stakeholder registration form there. Alternatively, please direct your inquiries to the contact officer listed below.

Documentation

All ABPMs and reference documents related to this IRA are available on the AFFA website, http://www.affa.gov.au/animalbiosecurity. [Follow the links to ‘current Animal IRAs’ then ‘Prawns and Prawn Products’ or ‘Prawns and Prawn Products Reference Documents’.]

Confidentiality

Respondents are advised that, subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982 and the Privacy Act 1988, all submissions received in response to Animal Biosecurity 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 as being classified as such in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

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