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IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS: IMPORTATION OF PIG MEAT ISSUES PAPER

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) provides the Issues Paper (Attachment A) as part of the import risk analysis (IRA) of pig meat for consideration and comment by 22 March 2001.

In AQPM 1999/21 of 16 March 1999 AQIS provided a progress report on the IRA of pig meat. The risk analysis panel which is conducting the IRA has now prepared the attached Issues Paper.

The 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 import risk analysis (IRA). It provides technical information on diseases such as foot and mouth disease (FMD), African swine fever (ASF), classical swine fever (CSF), porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS), Aujeszky's disease, as well as other pig diseases.

Included in the paper is information on preliminary results of research into the oral transmission of porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS) virus by feeding infected meat to pigs. The research was commissioned by Animal Biosecurity and conducted at Lelystad ID-DLO, Netherlands following recommendations by the PRRS technical working group.

Next steps

AFFA would welcome submissions from interested parties on these pests and diseases in the Issues Paper and any other quarantine issues relevant to this IRA. We would appreciate receiving your comments by 22 March 2001.

The risk analysis panel in the preparation of the draft report of the import risk analysis will consider comments received.

Public meeting

AFFA will convene a public meeting to discuss items associated with this Issues Paper within the comment period. Stakeholders will be notified of the date of the public meeting in due course.

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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