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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2003/25

PIG MEAT DRAFT IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS REPORT

PUBLIC MEETINGS

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) advises stakeholders of public meetings in Bendigo, Young and Toowoomba to discuss the *Draft Import Risk Analysis (IRA) Report* on pig meat that was released for public comment on 12 August 2003.

Biosecurity Australia released the *Draft IRA Report* of pig meat on 12 August with a 60 day public consultation period. Comments are due by 13 October 2003. The draft report identified and assessed the quarantine risks associated with imports to Australia of pig meat and presented recommendations on proposed quarantine measures to address those risks.

The full report (approximately 800 pages) and an Executive Summary are available on the Department's web site at www.affa.gov.au/BiosecurityAustralia, and then follow the links to IRAs and pig meat. A hard copy of the document can be obtained from the contact officer listed below.

To assist stakeholders with consideration and comment on the report, Biosecurity Australia has arranged for public meetings to be held as follows:

Bendigo	Monday, 29 September, commencing at 11 am at the Bendigo Town Hall, 189-193 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo;
Young	Wednesday, 1 October, commencing at 12 midday at Young Services Club, Cloete Street, Young; and
Toowoomba	Thursday, 2 October, commencing at 12 midday at All Seasons Function Centre, North Street, Toowoomba.

Members of the risk analysis panel that prepared the *Draft IRA Report* will provide an overview of the IRA process and the draft report, and will respond to questions.

Next Steps

We would encourage interested stakeholders to attend at these meetings. For further information please contact the officer below.

Please pass this notice to other interested parties. If those parties wish to be included in future communications on this matter they should get in touch with the contact officer.

Confidentiality

Respondents are advised that, subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1988*, all submissions received in response to ABPMs will be publicly available. Comments 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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