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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2004/06

PIG MEAT IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS

APPEALS ON THE FINAL REPORT

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) advises stakeholders that the Import Risk Analysis Appeal Panel (IRAAP) has received 7 appeals on the Final Import Risk Analysis (IRA) Report of pig meat. Under the IRA process, the IRAAP will consider the appeals and advise their findings to the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine.

Biosecurity Australia released the Final IRA Report of pig meat on 19 February 2004 and provided a 30-day appeal period that closed on 22 March 2004.

The IRAAP Secretariat has advised Biosecurity Australia that 7 appeals were received. These have been sent to the Chair of the IRAAP, Mr Murray Rogers, who is also Chair of the Quarantine and Export Advisory Council. The Chair is assembling a panel to consider the appeals. The IRAAP is a body independent from Biosecurity Australia. According to the IRA Handbook 2003, the IRAAP will consider any appeal and report its findings to the appellant(s) and the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine within 45 days of the closing date. Further information on the IRAAP is in the IRA Handbook 2003 that is available at the Biosecurity Australia website:

www.daff.gov.au/BiosecurityAustralia

For further information on the appeals please contact

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Next Steps

The IRAAP will consider the appeals and report its findings to the appellant(s) and the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine. We will subsequently advise stakeholders through another ABPM.

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 Biosecurity Australia.

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