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How to provide feedback on a draft plant import risk analysis report

Purpose

We have prepared this document in response to requests from stakeholders for guidance on how to review a draft [plant risk analysis](#) report and provide relevant technical feedback. It provides some examples of questions you might like to consider when providing feedback on a draft report.

These questions are intended as a guide only to help stakeholders identify areas where they may be able to provide relevant technical information, data or operational insights to inform the assessment. You are welcome to provide feedback on any aspect of the report.

When providing feedback, please support your comments with evidence, examples or references where possible.

Guiding questions

These are the key sections of the report you might like to focus on in your review, and some suggested questions to consider.

Risk analysis report as a whole

- Is there any information in the report that requires clarification or additional context?
- Are the technical content and terminology clear and understandable? If not, are there alternative explanations or terms that could improve clarity?
- Is there any other relevant information the department should be aware of? This may include scientific literature, industry data, or operational experience.

Pest risk assessments for quarantine pests (Chapter 3)

- Are the ratings given for the likelihoods and consequences for each pest appropriate and supported by the available evidence?
- Do the pest risk assessments clearly describe the key factors that informed the likelihoods and consequence ratings, such as pest biology, pathway characteristics or relevant production practices?
- Are there any additional factors relevant to the pest risk assessments that you would like us to consider? Please provide evidence to support any additional factors.

Risk management measures (Chapter 4)

- Do the proposed measures appear feasible and effective for managing the identified risks? If not, why not?
- Are there any additional measures, supported by evidence, that could also support effective risk management?

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Pest initiation and categorisation table (Appendix B)

- Does the pest categorisation table appropriately reflect the relevant pests on the specified pathway?
- Does the pest categorisation appropriately consider the scope and intended end use of the pathway (for example, whether the commodity is intended for propagation or for human consumption)?
- Is the information on pest status, distribution and host range accurate, complete and current?
- Are there additional pests, supported by evidence, associated with the specified pathway that should be included for categorisation?
- Are there any pests that should not be categorised as quarantine pests and remove from the categorisation table?

Background on the plant risk analysis process

When we receive a request to import a plant or plant product that has not been imported before, we assess the potential biosecurity risks by [conducting a plant risk analysis](#).

Our analysis assesses whether any biosecurity risks associated with the good can be managed to achieve Australia's [appropriate level of protection](#).

As part of this process, we release a draft report for public consultation. This gives stakeholders an opportunity to contribute relevant information and raise concerns. We then consider relevant feedback received when developing the final report. We let stakeholders know how their feedback has been considered in the final report.

More information

- Learn more about [plant risk analyses](#).
- Subscribe to '[Biosecurity risk analysis plant](#)' to receive updates on plant biosecurity risk analyses and other notifications relating to plant biosecurity policy.
- Email plantstakeholders@aff.gov.au.

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