

Horticulture Export Industry Consultative Committee – Meeting Update

Updates on key projects and issues are summarised following each committee meeting.

Meeting 21 held on 8 October 2019 - Summary

The committee met on 8 October 2019 in Canberra having received operational updates from the department on the Horticulture Exports and Authorised Officer programs, the Plant Export Management System (PEMS), the Horticulture Exports Cost Recovery Arrangements and market access activities.

Plant Export Strategic Direction Workshop

The focus of this meeting was to workshop the future of horticultural exports and certifications over the next ten years. The material from the workshop will be collated to produce a number of documents relating to plant export and reform: a strategic plan (including the vision and strategic priorities), implementation plans for each strategic priority and related business plans.

Cost recovery

Public consultation on the Cost Recovery Implementation Statement (CRIS) will commence in mid-October 2019 for two months. Industry is encouraged to participate in the consultation and provide feedback. The department has also commissioned an independent review of the efficiency of its food and plant export regulatory activities, commencing November 2019, with the recommendations to be considered and incorporated into the CRIS.

Regional Assurance Manager Pilot

With the completion of the successful pilot, the Regional Assurance Manager (RAMs) program is to be expanded from three to six people as of November 2019, and to twelve people in July 2020.

For additional information on the above summary please contact your industry HEICC representative.