



## Australian Government

# Notice of Intention

### *Biosecurity Regulation 2016*

#### **Commencement of a Biosecurity Import Risk Analysis for the importation of fresh Cavendish bananas from the Philippines**

I, Dr Allison Jones, delegate of the Director of Biosecurity, pursuant to subparagraph 24(a)(i) of the *Biosecurity Regulation 2016* (**Regulation**), give notice that I am proposing to conduct a Biosecurity Import Risk Analysis (**BIRA**) to evaluate the level of biosecurity risk associated with the importation of fresh Cavendish bananas from the Philippines including, if necessary, the identification of conditions that must be met to manage the level of biosecurity risk associated with those goods to a level that achieves the appropriate level of protection for Australia.

For the purposes of subparagraph 24(a)(ii) of the Regulation, there will be an opportunity for consultation in relation to the draft BIRA after it is released.

After the provisional BIRA report has been published, a person may apply to the Inspector-General of Biosecurity to review the BIRA process under section 34 of the Regulation. The department also welcomes stakeholder comments or submissions on matters relevant to the BIRA at any time.

Pursuant to paragraph 24(b) of the Regulation I, as the delegate, have prepared an issues paper in relation to the BIRA. It is published on the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's website at: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/plant/banana-philippines>

Stakeholders can submit comments to [plantstakeholders@aff.gov.au](mailto:plantstakeholders@aff.gov.au)

Dated this 16 day of June 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Allison Jones'.

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