



## Submission on the Pomelo fruit from Vietnam: biosecurity import requirements draft report.

### Section A: General information

**Purpose of this form** For individuals and organisations to respond to the pomelo fruit from Vietnam: biosecurity import requirements draft report.

Use this form to respond to key topics in the draft report or to write a long-form response. You can also attach a separate response.

Do not use this form if you want to [make a submission online](#).

**Before applying** See the draft report for pomelo fruit from Vietnam.

**Closing date** 29 June 2024

**To complete this form** Save the document to your computer.

**Your submission must include**

- ☐ a completed and signed submission form
- ☐ where relevant, supporting information from organisations, written on their official letterhead.

**Post or email (preferred) your submission**

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### Section B: Applicant

- 1 **Organisation name (if applicable)**
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Suburb/town/city  State/territory  Postcode
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## Section C: Confidentiality

### 4 Is all of your submission confidential?

No X

Yes ☐ Clearly mark the submission 'In confidence'

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## Section D: Publication of submissions on our website

Unless you request otherwise, we will publish your name, organisation and the title of your submission on our website. Your contact information will not be made available.

### 6 Do you agree to your submission being made publicly available?

No ☐ Go to question 8

Yes X Go to question 7

### 7 Do you agree to your name and state/territory being listed?

No X

Yes ☐

### 8 Do you agree to us contacting you about your submission if required?

No ☐

Yes X

## Section E: Submission type

### 9 What type of submission are you making? (select one box only)

X Response to key topics in the draft report → Go to section F

☐ Long-form response to the whole draft report → Go to section G

☐ Separate response in an attached document → Go to section H

## Section F: Response to key topics in the draft report

Support your answers with reference to independent sources such as scientific journals, CSIRO or university publications.

### 10 Comment on pest risk assessments for quarantine pests.

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**11 Comment on risk management measures proposed in chapter 5 of the draft risk analysis.  
List independent sources to support your response.**

Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) / Huanglongbing (HLB)

- How will HLB-infected trees be identified in Vietnamese pomelo orchards as part of their management program?  
Pomelo varieties grown in Asia appear to have tolerance to HLB. It has been regularly observed healthy, tall and productive pomelo trees in Lao PDR in regions where trees of other varieties either had died or were dying due to HLB infection. Samples from the healthy trees tested positive for '*Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus*' (CLas; Donovan et al. 2022 DOI:10.5070/C49155026).  
Not only is symptom development delayed in HLB-infected trees of all citrus varieties by months or even years, but infected pomelo trees may not show symptoms at all.
- It is best practice in regions where ACP and HLB are present for fruit loads to be covered when transporting from the orchard to the packing shed. I understand this would be difficult to achieve in Vietnam.

**12 Provide details of any other pests that should be included in this risk analysis. Include scientific references to support your response.**

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**13 Other comments.** This could include additional information or relevant issues to be raised.

## False spider mites

- Is there evidence of absence in Vietnam of viruses able to be vectored by false spider mites? The draft report states that there are no reports of quarantine viruses vectored by false spider mites being present in Vietnam therefore the risk associated with the vector component of *B. phoenicis* species was not assessed. However, the lack of pest reports in countries within that region is typically because no one has looked, not because the pest is not present. Citrus leprosis virus poses a significant risk to Australian citrus, rated high on the citrus biosecurity plan.

## General

- In the risk analysis, the definition of what constitutes pomelo fruit includes a portion of the peduncle. The peduncle may contain quarantine pathogens. For example, studies have shown that citrus peduncles have higher titres of CLAs than other plant tissues (Tatineni et al 2008 doi:10.1094/PHYTO-98-5-0592; Kunta et al 2014 Hort Science 49(1): 65-68; Hajeri et al 2023 doi:10.3390/plnts12193364). This needs to be seriously considered in the risk analysis.
- What is in VietGAP?
- Disease-free nursery stock – is the use of disease-free nursery trees mandatory? What pathogens do they test the budwood source trees for?

→ Go to section H

## Section G: Long-form response to the draft report

**14 Support your response with reference to independent sources such as scientific journals, CSIRO or university publications. Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

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## Section I: Privacy notice

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