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SUBMISSION TO THE 'PASSIONFRUIT FROM VIETNAM: BIOSECURITY IMPORT REQUIREMENTS DRAFT REPORT'

Dear Erin,

I refer to Biosecurity Advice Biosecurity Advice 2023-P04 dated 13 July 2023, inviting comment on the *Passionfruit from Vietnam: biosecurity import requirements draft report*.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) has considered the draft report and notes that the importation of fresh passionfruit for human consumption from commercial production areas in Vietnam will be permitted subject to specific risk management measures. DPIRD notes that there are existing import policies for passionfruit from New Zealand and other fruits horticultural fruit from Vietnam and that the proposed risk mitigation measures are consistent with these existing import policies.

The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) has addressed earlier comments provided by DPIRD to the draft pest categorisation. DPIRD supports the findings of the draft report with respect to the categorisation and risk assessment of the invertebrate pests and pathogens potentially associated with passionfruit from Vietnam.

DPIRD notes the proposed measures and recognises that they reduce the biosecurity risk to meet Australia's appropriate level of protection. Western Australia continues to take a strong interest in all import risk analyses and any related documents and decisions made by DAFF.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the matter further, please contact Nichole Hammond on (08) 9368 3967 or Nichole.Hammond@dpird.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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