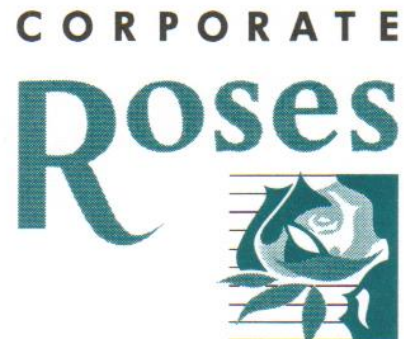




RE: SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT REPORT FOR THE PEST RISK ANALYSIS FOR BACTERIAL PATHOGENS
IN THE GENUS XYLELLA

As Chair of the Rose Introducers of Australia (RIAUS), I wish to comment on the current Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Xylella draft report, on behalf of our members.

RIAUS is a collective of Australian commercial growers representing a range of international rose breeding firms.

Over many, many decades, RIAUS members have provided the Australian gardening public with a myriad of rose innovations thanks to the dedicated breeding programs of the various overseas organisations they represent. Improved disease resistance, contemporary growth habits, increased colour palette, and a spectrum of perfumes, being just some of those benefits.

Vital to the continuation of our ability to trail, assess, select, and release quality new rose varieties to the Australian gardening public is access to these latest cultivars.

RIAUS members have ensured our compliance with all BICON requirements, including:

- imported rosa scion wood for budding is sourced from countries that are free from Sudden Oak Death and are low Xylella risk
- Imported rosa scion wood for budding is accompanied by a Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry issued Import Permit
- Imported rosa scion wood for budding is accompanied by a country-of-origin Phytosanitary certificate including the additional statement "Plant material in this consignment and its parent stock were grown only in [insert country] which is free from Xylella fastidiosa." AND ii. The additional declaration: "Plant material in this consignment were propagated and grown only in [insert country of origin] which is free from Sudden Oak Death (Phytophthora ramorum, P. kernoviae, P. nemorosa and P. pseudosyringae)".
- All material is grown in a department approved open quarantine area for rose scion wood for budding (class 5.142).

Key to the success of subsequent budded plant numbers within a department approved open quarantine area, is the quality of scion wood received.

Rosa scion wood is very time sensitive. The process of cutting, packing and international transport to a DAFF facility, coupled with inspection by a biosecurity officer, issue of various Directions, movement to and from fumigation, the methyl bromide treatment, and final release can be protracted and take valuable time.

RIAUS members all understand and respect the importance quarantine processes play in restricting the importation of pest and disease, including Xylella into this country.

While acknowledging this, we also wish to identify that any proposed quarantine procedures and testing, over and above what is already in place and adhered to, will extend the time rose scion wood is held and be detrimental to the efficacy of that rose scion wood.

We therefore request that the current conditions for importation of rose scion material from low risk Xylella countries remain unchanged.

I would be happy to provide further details and clarification should you require.

Yours respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Syrus'.

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