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BIOSECURITY ADVICE 2014/15

COOKED TURKEY MEAT FROM THE UNITED STATES – COMMENCEMENT OF A REVIEW

This Biosecurity Advice advises stakeholders of the formal commencement of a review to consider appropriate risk management measures for the importation of cooked turkey meat from the United States into Australia.

The Department of Agriculture will prepare a draft report, which will be issued for stakeholder comment.

The Department of Agriculture has commenced a review for market access for cooked turkey meat for human consumption from the United States (US) into Australia.

A preliminary hazard identification for cooked turkey meat from the US has been undertaken and the majority of potential biosecurity diseases of concern identified are the same as, or similar to, biosecurity diseases for the Generic Import Risk Analysis Report for Chicken Meat (2008) for which import policy exists. Therefore, the market access request will be progressed as a review of existing policy, consistent with the [Import Risk Analysis Handbook 2011](#), with some additional considerations relevant to turkeys that were not considered in the Generic Import Risk Analysis Report for Chicken Meat (2008).

The next step is to prepare and issue a draft report to provide stakeholders the opportunity to comment on the analysis. A Biosecurity Advice will be issued to announce that the draft report has been placed on the department's website and to invite comments. Following the consultation period, the department will consider all comments in preparing a final report.

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