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**BIOSECURITY  
AUSTRALIA**

**PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2000/23**

**GLOBAL IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS ON THE IMPORTATION OF  
FRESH PINEAPPLES**

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) is to advise you of the outcome of the first round of consultation on the global import risk analysis (IRA) for pineapples with particular reference to current applications from the Philippines, the Solomon Islands and Sri Lanka.

PBPM 2000/16 of 13 September 2000 invited all stakeholders to comment on the type of risk analysis process to be followed in this instance. After careful consideration of all comments received AFFA has decided to proceed with the IRA using the routine process. This decision is based on consideration that this proposal is technically less complex and does not require assessment of significantly greater or different risks than those AFFA has previously examined.

AFFA will now form an in-house team of scientists with expertise relevant to this particular IRA. The team will conduct the routine IRA using procedures based on international standards. The steps of the routine process are outlined in the *AQIS Import Risk Analysis Process Handbook*, which has been distributed to stakeholders. During this process, AFFA will seek input from stakeholders and external technical experts.

The draft IRA is expected to be released in mid 2001. Any variations to this time frame will be posted on the web at  
[http://www.affa.gov.au/docs/market\\_access/biosecurity/plhome1.html](http://www.affa.gov.au/docs/market_access/biosecurity/plhome1.html)

If you wish to suggest inclusion of an additional stakeholder in our distribution list for this IRA, or if you wish to be removed from the distribution list, please provide details to the Import Risk Analysis Secretariat at the following address:

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Information on all IRAs being conducted by the Plant Biosecurity is available on the web at [http://www.affa.gov.au/docs/market\\_access/biosecurity/plhome1.html](http://www.affa.gov.au/docs/market_access/biosecurity/plhome1.html)

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