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**ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM
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**ANIMAL BIOSECURITY: UPDATE ON IMPORT RISK ANALYSES
AND MARKET ACCESS LIST**

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) provides stakeholders with a status report on the animal Import Risk Analysis (IRA) work program and provides an updated list of access requests.

Attached to this ABPM is a consolidated list of the Branch's IRA work program (Attachment A). Currently there are 25 animal and aquatic animal IRAs underway. Progress on some IRAs has not been as rapid as expected due to Animal Biosecurity staff resources being diverted to the response to the foot and mouth disease outbreak in Europe (including three staff seconded to the United Kingdom Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) and implementation of the interim conditions for uncooked green prawns.

For more information or if you wish to be placed on a mail list for a particular IRA, please contact the officer whose details appear below. In addition to the attached information I also recommend that you regularly check our homepage for information on animal and aquatic animal biosecurity issues: <http://www.affa.gov.au/animalbiosecurity>

Each year, Biosecurity Australia receives many proposals to import agricultural commodities. A list of these requests is maintained and as resources become available the highest priority requests are commenced. In deciding priority, Animal Biosecurity takes into account factors such as the availability of data, the order of receipt of proposals, the breadth and nature of interest in the establishment of new or revised conditions, the need to consider access by a particular date, as well as stakeholder comment. A consolidated list is at Attachment B and we offer the opportunity for you to provide information or comment on the priority that you consider should be accorded by Animal Biosecurity to any of these proposals.

Confidentiality

Respondents are advised that, subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982 and the Privacy Act 1988, all submissions received in response to Animal Biosecurity Policy Memoranda will be publicly available and may be listed or referred to in any papers or reports prepared on the subject matter of the Memoranda.

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The contents of the submission will not be treated as confidential unless they are marked 'confidential' and they are capable of being classified as such in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

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ATTACHMENT A

ANIMAL BIOSECURITY: IMPORT RISK ANALYSES (IRAs)

| AQUATIC | Status | Next Steps |
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| Prawn and prawn products | AQPM 2000/41 of 25 August 2000 provided the draft IRA report for public comment which closed on 25 October 2000. The risk analysis panel (RAP) met on 16 January 2001 and is considering the 17 submissions received. Interim conditions were announced on 14 December 2000 (ABPM 2000/57) and further measures on 5 February 2001 (ABPM 2001/06). | RAP has recommended further work on a number of matters, including the use of prawns as bait and expanding the survey of White Spot Syndrome Virus (WSSV). Preparations for public meeting. |
| Non-viable bivalve molluscs | Process put on hold due to lack of resources and other aquatic IRAs. | RAP to meet and progress report to be issued. |
| Freshwater Crayfish | AQPM 2000/42 of 28 August 2000 provided a progress report. Work recommended but awaiting commencement of staff. | Release of the draft IRA paper, subject to resources and other aquatic priorities. |
| Freshwater Finfish | AQPM 2000/25 of 15 May 2000 confirmed the routine approach. Consultant has provided the risk assessment. Preparing the draft IRA report. | Release of draft IRA report. |

| AVIAN | | |
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| Generic uncooked chicken meat | ABPM 2000/43 of 11 September 2000 provided a progress report. RAP met on 12 October 2000. | Release of issues paper. |
| Edible Eggs and egg products | The issues paper was released on 8 January 2001. Comment period closed on 22 March 2001. | The RAP is considering the 10 submissions received and will develop draft IRA paper. |
| Live Birds psitticanes | AQPM 1999/90 of 23 December 1999 provided a progress report and issues paper. RAP has considered stakeholder comments. | Draft IRA report to be issued. |
| Live Birds - flamingoes | AQPM 1999/89 of 23 December 1999 provided a progress report and issues paper. No stakeholder comment was received. | The RAP is preparing draft IRA report. Resource constraints and higher priority tasks have delayed progress. |
| Live Birds – crown cranes | AQPM 2000/09 of 10 February 2000 confirmed the routine approach. | Undertaken in conjunction with the flamingo IRA. Draft IRA report to be prepared. |

| PIGS | | |
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| Generic pig meat | The issues paper was released on 8 January 2001 (ABPM 2001/02). The comment period closed on 22 March 2001. | The RAP is considering the 8 submissions received and will develop the draft IRA report. |
| Pig semen | AQPM 2000/20 of 22 March 2000 provided draft IRA report for public comment. | The RAP is following up on a few issues before finalising the IRA. |

| RUMINANTS | Status | Next Steps |
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| Camels from the UAE | Issues paper was released in June 1998. UAE did not provide information necessary to progress the IRA. The project was cancelled in December 2000. | Cancelled. |

| HORSES | | |
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| Equine semen from the EU | AQPM 1998/78 of 6 November 1998 confirmed the routine approach. | Animal Biosecurity is considering a review of existing policy rather than a full IRA. |
| Horses from South Africa | Resource constraints and Olympics have delayed progress. ABPM 2001/5 of 7 February 2001 advised that work had re-commenced. | Release of draft IRA paper. |
| Horses from countries in which surra is endemic | AQPM 1999/47 of 5 July 1999 confirmed the routine approach. Consultant has provided risk assessment. Preparing draft IRA report. | Release of draft IRA paper. |

| OTHER | | |
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| Hides and skins | AQPM 1998/29 of 24 March 1998 confirmed the routine approach. Delayed due to resource constraints. | Release of draft IRA paper. |
| Wool, hair and feathers | AQPM 1998/29 of 24 March 1998 confirmed the routine approach. | Release of draft IRA paper on wool. |
| Dogs and cats | AQPM 99/53 of 29 July 1999 confirmed the routine approach. | Release of draft IRA paper. Staff member was in the UK assisting with response to FMD outbreak. |
| Ferrets | AQPM 2000/36 of 11 August 2000 provided draft IRA report with comments due 13 October 2000. Comments considered | Following up with Environment Australia before finalising IRA. |

| ZOO | Status | Next steps |
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| Carnivores (felids) | Draft IRA paper released on 15 February 2001 (ABPM 2001/08). Comment period closed on 17 April 2001. | Consideration of stakeholder comments. |
| Non-human primates | AQPM 1998/75 of 2 October 1998 confirmed routine approach. | Release of draft IRA paper. Delayed due to resource constraints. |
| Bovidae | AQPM 1998/13 of 3 February 1998 confirmed the routine approach. | Preparing draft IRA report. |
| Marsupials | AQPM 1998/13 of 3 February 1998 confirmed the routine approach. | On hold – medium priority. |
| Zoo suidae and dicotylidae | AQPM 2000/21 of 10 April 2000 confirmed the routine approach. | On hold – medium priority. |
| Reptiles (snakes) | IRA follows on from the routine IRA on crocodiles. | On hold – medium priority. |

ATTACHMENT B

ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY: MARKET ACCESS REQUESTS

| Request | Policy | Date |
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| Aquatic | | |
| 1. Non-viable crustaceans, other than prawns and crayfish | Develop | Dec 96 |
| 2. Other aquatic animals (miscellaneous invertebrates) for human consumption | Develop | Dec 96 |
| 3. Non-viable molluscs, other than bivalves | | |
| 4. Live brine shrimp for use as aquatic animal feed and ornamental purposes | Develop | Dec 96 |
| 5. Processed aquatic animal feeds | Develop | Dec 96 |
| 6. Non-viable cnidarians, echinoderms, tunicates and other aquatic invertebrates, treated by various means | Develop Develop | Dec 96 Dec 96 |
| 7. Importation of live aquatic animals which originate in the Torres Strait Protected Zone. | Develop | Dec 96 |
| 8. Biologicals, vaccines, fish hormone preparations | | |
| 9. Live aquatic animals for human consumption | Develop | Dec 96 |
| 10. Live aquatic animals for aquaculture, breeding purposes | Develop | Dec 96 |
| 11. Live aquatic animals other than fin fish for ornamental purposes | Develop | Dec 96 |
| 12. Fomites, fishing gear, wastes, packaging materials | Develop | Dec 96 |
| 13. Development of standards for registered premises which hold aquatic animals and products, including live animals used for research and display | Develop Develop | Dec 96 Dec 96 |
| 14. Transshipment and temporary importation of live aquatic animals | Develop | Dec 96 |
| Avian | | |
| 15. Ostriches via NZ | Develop | Pre 97 |
| 16. Pheasants from the UK | Develop | Pre 97 |
| 17. Day old chicks from the Netherlands | Develop | Dec 99 |
| 18. Finches | Develop | Pre 97 |
| 19. Household pet birds | Develop | Pre 97 |
| Poultry Meat | | |
| 20. Duck meat from Thailand and Malaysia | Develop | Nov 99 |
| 21. Cooked ostrich meat from South Africa | Develop | Pre 97 |
| 22. Cooked turkey meat from the USA | Develop | June 98 |
| 23. Ostrich meat from New Zealand | Develop | Nov 99 |
| Pig | | |
| 24. Live pigs | Develop | Feb 00 |
| 25. Laboratory pigs | Revise | |

| Request | Policy | Date |
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| Horses | | |
| 26. Performing horses | Revise | |
| 27. Horses and equine semen from New Zealand | Revise | |
| 28. Equine embryos from Argentina | Develop | Pre 97 |
| 29. Horses from Argentina | Develop | Pre 97 |
| 30. Horses from New Caledonia | Revise | |
| 31. Horses from Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore | Revise | |
| 32. Thoroughbred horses from Turkey | Revise | Oct 98 |
| 33. Frozen equine embryos from Europe and USA | Revise | Sept 98 |
| 34. Horses, including return of Australian horses, from South Korea | Develop | Sept 99 |
| 35. Horses from Saudia Arabia | Develop | April 01 |

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| Ruminants | | |
| 36. Live cattle from the EU | Revise | 1995 |
| 37. Camels from Siberia | Develop | 1999 |
| 38. Sheep and goat semen and embryos from the EU | Revise | 1995 |
| 39. Live deer from the EU | Develop | Aug 97 |
| 40. Live deer from NZ | Develop | 1996 |
| 41. Sheep embryos from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait or Jordan | Develop | Dec 99 |
| 42. Ruminant semen from RSA | Develop | Sept 97 |
| 43. Ovine genetic material from Israel | Develop | Dec 99 |
| 44. Camelids from Germany | Develop | Dec 99 |
| 45. Camelid semen and embryos from Chile | Revise | Sept 00 |
| 46. Giraffes from Germany | Revise | Sept 00 |

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| Other | | |
| 47. Fibrinogen and thrombin from the Netherlands | Develop | Nov 96 |
| 48. Dried petfood | Develop | 1996 |
| 49. Fish feed containing blood meal and feather meal from Korea | Develop | Aug 98 |
| 50. Chilled frog legs (commercial purposes). | Develop | May 99 |
| 51. Companion rats and mice | Develop | July 99 |
| 52. Rabbit semen from Northern Italy | Develop | July 99 |
| 53. Returning livestock vessels | Revise | 1999 |
| 54. Stock feed – animal origin | Develop | Mar 00 |
| 55. Bone and bone products | Revise | |
| 56. Bee semen | Develop | 1995 |
| 57. Laboratory rodent embryos | Revise | |
| 58. SPF eggs for vaccine production | Revise | Sept 00 |