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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/12

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 and aquatic 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 26 animal and aquatic animal IRAs underway and a major aquatic policy review.

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>.

Biosecurity Australia also publishes *Biosecurity Australia News* bimonthly, which provides updates on major events. If you currently do not receive the newsletter and would like to, please contact the officer below.

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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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY: IMPORT RISK ANALYSES (IRAs)

AQUATIC	Status	Next Steps
Prawn and prawn products	The risk analysis panel (RAP) met on 8 March and has consulted on public workshops to be held in May. A summary document of the 17 submissions received on the draft IRA report was also included in ABPM 2002/11 of 22 March 2002.	RAP is to meet on 17 May 2002 and public workshops are planned for: Townsville 20 May 2002 Tweed Heads 22 May 2002 Sydney 23 May 2002 For further details contact Biosecurity Australia.
Non-viable bivalve molluscs	Proposed revised RAP membership (ABPM 2002/30 of 5 November 2001). The Panel met on 14 February 2002 and set its work program.	Next panel meeting is tentatively on 13 May 2002. A progress report is to be issued.
Freshwater Crayfish	Proposed revised RAP membership (ABPM 2002/30 of 5 November 2001).	Revised RAP to meet on 3 April 2002 and develop its work program.
Freshwater Finfish	Consultant has provided the risk assessment.	Release of issues paper.

VHSV Review	The review follows reports of Viral Haemorrhagic Septicaemia Virus in Californian pilchards and mackerel (ABPM 2001/36 of 11 December 2001, 2002/01 of 30 January 2002 and 2002/04 of 11 February 2002).	Draft policy review to be released for public comment.
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AVIAN		
Generic uncooked chicken meat	Issues paper was released in July 2001 (ABPM 2001/16). Panel is considering comments from 9 stakeholders. Panel has been meeting at the same time as the egg panel to decide on methodology and to achieve consistency (last meeting was 19 February 2002).	To issue an ABPM reporting on progress. Further RAP meetings. Release of draft IRA report.
Edible eggs and egg products	The issues paper was released on 8 January 2001. Panel is considering comments from 10 stakeholders. Panel has been meeting at the same time as the chicken meat panel to decide on methodology and to achieve consistency (last meeting was 19 February 2002).	To issue an ABPM reporting on progress. Further RAP meetings. Release of draft IRA report.
Live birds psitticanes	RAP has met on a number of occasions in developing draft IRA report, last meeting was 22 February 2002.	Next RAP meeting is 28 March 2002. 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. Higher priority tasks have delayed progress.
Live birds – crown cranes	IRA will closely follow the flamingo IRA.	Issues paper to be prepared.

PIGS		
Generic pig meat	The issues paper was released on 8 January 2001 (ABPM 2001/02). The RAP is considering 8 submissions and developing the draft IRA report.	Next RAP meeting is scheduled for May 2002. Release of draft IRA report.
Pig semen	RAP is considering 2 late submissions. Panel met on 21 March 2002.	Release of final IRA report.

RUMINANTS	Status	Next Steps
Ruminant semen from the Republic of South Africa	Decision on scope, timetable and approach (in-house IRA team) is subject to appeal period, closes 12 April 2002 (ABPM 2002/08).	Subject to any appeals, release of issues paper.

HORSES		
Equine semen from the EU		Animal Biosecurity is considering a review of existing policy rather than a full IRA.
Horses from South Africa	Issues paper was released on 1 February 2002 (ABPM 2002/03), comments due by 1 April 2002.	Consideration of stakeholder comments on the issues paper and prepare draft IRA report.
Horses from countries where surra is endemic	Preparing draft IRA report.	Release of draft IRA paper.

OTHER		
Hides and skins	Draft IRA report was released in August (ABPM 2001/24). Reviewing comments from stakeholders.	Release of final IRA report.
Wool, hair and feathers	Developing issues paper on wool.	Release of issues paper.
Dogs and cats	Issues paper released in October 2001 (ABPM 2001/29).	Consider stakeholder comments and develop draft IRA report.
Ferrets	Finalising IRA report.	Release of final IRA report.

ZOO	Status	Next steps
Carnivores (felids)	Final IRA report released on 8 March 2002 (ABPM 2002/09) Appeal period closes 11 April 2002.	If no appeals, adoption of conditions.
Non-human primates	Work underway on issues paper.	Release of issues paper.
Bovidae	Work underway on issues paper.	Release of issues paper.
Marsupials	On hold – medium priority.	
Zoo suidae and dicotylidae	On hold – medium priority.	
Reptiles (snakes)	Work underway on issues paper.	Release of issues paper.
Deer and genetic material	Commencement advice issued on 8 March 2002 (ABPM 2002/10) including proposed scope, timetable and approach (in house IRA team). Comments due by 11 April 2002.	Consider stakeholder comments on ABPM 2002/11 and Executive Manager, Biosecurity Australia determination on those issues.

ATTACHMENT B

ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY: MARKET ACCESS REQUESTS

Request	Policy	Date
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	Develop	Dec 96
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	Dec 96
7. Importation of live lobsters and mud crabs from PNG.	Develop	Aug01
8. Biologicals, vaccines, fish hormone preparations	Develop	Dec 96
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	Dec 96
14. Transshipment and temporary importation of live aquatic animals	Develop	Dec 96
15. Live <i>Penaeus vannamei</i>	Develop	Oct 01
16. Live Triops	Develop	Jan 00

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
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
36. Horses from Macau	Develop	July 00

Ruminants		
37. Live cattle from the EU	Revise	1995
38. Camels from Siberia	Develop	1999
39. Sheep embryos from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait or Jordan	Develop	Dec 99
40. Ovine genetic material from Israel	Develop	Dec 99
41. Camelids from Germany	Develop	Dec 99
42. Camelid semen and embryos from Chile	Revise	Sept 00
43. Zoo Giraffes from Germany	Revise	Sept 00
44. Small ruminant genetic material from Namibia	Develop	2000

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