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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/41

IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS –APPLES FROM NEW ZEALAND

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum advises stakeholders of the outcomes of the seventh meeting of the risk analysis panel for the Import Risk Analysis on the importation of fresh apples from New Zealand.

In our Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) 2002/34 of 6 August 2002, we advised you of the outcomes of the sixth meeting of the risk analysis panel (RAP) for the Import Risk Analysis (IRA) on the importation of apples from New Zealand. That PBPM indicated that the seventh meeting of the RAP was scheduled for 2nd and 3rd September 2002. The purpose of this PBPM is to inform you of the outcomes of the seventh meeting.

At their first meeting, RAP members agreed on the importance of keeping stakeholders informed and asked that Biosecurity Australia circulate a summary of each of its meetings to stakeholders. Accordingly, the RAP's summary of its seventh meeting is at attachment 1 for your information.

At this meeting, the RAP continued its discussion of a range of issues relating to the pathway scenarios and the unit that it will use in its analysis. The meeting also began detailed consideration of the likely consequences that would flow from the entry, establishment and spread of *Erwinia amylovora* in Australia.

The next RAP meeting is tentatively scheduled for 23 to 25 October 2002.

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Consultation

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 Technical and Administrative Services at the following address.

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Meeting summary

The risk analysis panel (RAP) for the New Zealand apple import risk analysis (IRA) held its seventh meeting on 2 & 3 September 2002. A report from the previous RAP meeting was approved and will be placed on the public file.

The RAP continued its discussion of a range of issues relating to the pathway scenarios and the unit of analysis (eg a single apple, a carton or a pallet) that it will use in its analysis. The meeting also began detailed consideration of the likely consequences that would flow from the entry, establishment and spread of *Erwinia amylovora* in Australia. This involved careful consideration of the relevant sections of the draft *Guidelines for import risk analysis*. The chairs of the provisional technical working groups exploring arthropod and fungal issues provided a status report on the respective activities of each group.

This meeting approved a draft report from the recent workshop for circulation to attendees for comments regarding errors of fact and significant omissions. The meeting also discussed several items of correspondence, including a package of information from Apple & Pear Australia Limited (APAL) regarding scientific literature published since October 2000.

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