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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/21

IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS – REPRIORITISATION OF COMMODITIES FROM SAMOA

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) provides stakeholders with information regarding the cessation of the Import Risk Analysis (IRA) for yam bean from Samoa and the inclusion of mango from Samoa on the Plant Biosecurity work program.

Stakeholders were informed of an import access request for yam bean from Samoa on 17 February 1999 following an application from the Samoan Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Meteorology (MAFM). Stakeholders were invited to comment on the proposal to use the routine process (as described in *The AQIS Import Risk Analysis Process Handbook*, 1998) on 30 March 1999.

Since this time, Plant Biosecurity has requested information from MAFM but only limited technical assessment has been completed.

Plant Biosecurity contacted MAFM in late 2001 to clarify their priority for this IRA. MAFM have subsequently informed Plant Biosecurity that access for yam bean is not a priority and their priority is access for fresh mango fruit.

In consultation with the quarantine agency of Samoa, Plant Biosecurity has decided to cease the yam bean IRA due to the re-prioritisation of access requests from Samoa. The access request for mango will be placed on Plant Biosecurity's work program in place of the yam bean IRA.

Information on all IRAs being conducted by Plant Biosecurity is available on the AFFA website at <http://www.affa.gov.au/plantbiosecurity>.

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