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## PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/22

### REVIEW OF AUSTRALIAN REQUIREMENT FOR PETAL TESTING AND FLOWER EXAMINATION AT BLOSSOMING FOR JAPANESE NASHI PEAR FROM JAPAN AND KOREAN PEAR FROM KOREA

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) advises stakeholders of the commencement of a review of the Australian requirement for petal testing and flower examination at blossoming for Japanese nashi pear from Japan and Korean pear from Korea.

The purpose of this PBPM is to notify you that Biosecurity Australia will shortly commence a review of import conditions of Korean pear from Korea and nashi pear from Japan in view of the pest and disease surveys undertaken by the respective countries to prove the health status of export orchards, and the history of trade.

Nashi pear from Japan has been imported into Australia since 1989 following a technical assessment of the pests and diseases that occur on nashi pear in Japan. Korean pear has been imported into Australia since 1999 following an Import Risk Analysis (IRA). Imports of these fruits into Australia were permitted under agreed quarantine conditions. Under the conditions, there is provision for a review to be undertaken for both Japanese pear and Korean pear. Copies of documents detailing these conditions are available on request.

Pests and diseases of concern to Australia in Japanese nashi pear and Korean pear export orchards are managed effectively by pest management programs and general surveillance undertaken in export orchards. In addition to the above disease management and general surveillance, Japan and Korea are required to conduct petal testing for black spot (*Alternaria gaisen*) and brown rot (*Monilinia fructigena*), and inspect flowers for pear scab (*Venturia nashicola*) in all export orchards. In the case of Korea, flower examination for scab must also be conducted in a sample of non-export orchards inside and outside the designated export areas at blossoming. Both countries are required to provide the results of petal tests and flower examination to BA each year for assessment prior to the annual export of fruit to Australia.

No quarantine pests and diseases of concern to Australia have been intercepted on fruit imported under the existing protocols.

BA will review the Australian requirement for petal testing and flower examination at blossoming on scientific merit. Any additional technical information required from Japan and Korea for this review will be requested as necessary.

If you wish to comment on technical aspects of this review, please submit your comments by 15 of June 2002. Comments should be forwarded to:

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## **Consultation**

If you wish to suggest inclusion of an additional stakeholder in our distribution list for this review, or if you wish to be removed from the distribution list, please provide details to Technical and Administrative Services at the above address.

Information on IRAs and reviews being conducted by Plant Biosecurity is available on the web at <http://www.affa.gov.au/plantbiosecurity>.

We look forward to receiving your response.

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