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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/26

SHANDONG PEARS FROM CHINA

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) advises stakeholders of a new import proposal currently being considered by Biosecurity Australia. The proposal relates to the importation of 'Shandong' pears from China.

The purpose of this PBPM is to inform you that Biosecurity Australia (BA) have received a request from China to allow the importation of 'Shandong' pears.

In 1999, BA completed an Import Risk Analysis (IRA) on Ya pears (*Pyrus bretschneideri* Rehd.) from Hebei and Shandong Provinces in China. Australia has imported Ya pears from China since 1999 under quarantine conditions specified in the Ya pear IRA. 'Shandong' pears (*Pyrus pyrifolia* (Burm.) Nakai) are a different species of pear grown in Shandong Province.

BA has received information from China regarding the pests and diseases that affect 'Shandong' pear and the pest management practices used in 'Shandong' pear orchards. Following preliminary assessment, additional information has been requested from China.

BA will evaluate whether the import proposal for 'Shandong' pear could be assessed as an extension of the existing policy for Ya pear from Hebei and Shandong Provinces. This is because most of the pests, diseases and pest management practices are the same for 'Shandong' pear and Ya pear. Pending receipt of additional information from China, BA will advise whether this judgement can be confirmed and assess whether the pest management measures currently in place for Ya pear would also be appropriate for 'Shandong' Pear.

Further consultation will occur when additional information has been received from China.

If you wish to comment on BA's assessment of this import proposal, please submit your comments by Friday 19 July 2002. Comments should be forwarded to:

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If you wish to suggest inclusion of additional stakeholders 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 all IRAs 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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