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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/48

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF EXISTING POLICY – FRESH CHERRY FRUIT FROM NEW ZEALAND INTO WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The purpose of this Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) is to notify you of a proposed extension of existing policy to the importation of fresh cherry fruit from New Zealand. The proposed extension will allow importation of fresh cherry fruit into Western Australia.

Fresh cherry fruit from New Zealand may currently be imported into all Australian states other than Western Australia. Biosecurity Australia has completed a review for fresh cherry fruit from New Zealand to assess the Phytosanitary risks associated with New Zealand cherries entering Western Australia. Pests and diseases associated with fresh cherry fruit from New Zealand were evaluated. Pests and diseases of quarantine concern have been identified.

The review concludes that the phytosanitary measures currently in place for imports of New Zealand fresh cherry fruit into eastern Australian states (pre-clearance or on arrival inspection) will effectively manage the quarantine pests associated with fresh cherry fruit from export orchards in New Zealand into Western Australia. A copy of this review can be obtained from the AFFA website (www.affa.gov.au/plantbiosecurity) or requested from the contact point overleaf.

Stakeholders have 30 days to provide comment on the review and its recommendations. Comments should be received by Biosecurity Australia Technical and Administrative Services no later than Thursday 2 January 2003.

Respondents are advised that, subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1988*, all submissions received in response to Plant Biosecurity Policy Memoranda may be listed or referred to in any papers or reports prepared on the subject matter of the memoranda.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reveal the identity of a respondent unless a request for anonymity accompanies the submission. Where a request for anonymity does not accompany the submission the respondent will be taken to have consented to the disclosure of his or her identity for the purposes of Information Privacy Principle 11 of the Privacy Act.

The contents of the submission will not be treated as confidential unless they are marked 'confidential' and they are capable of being classified as such in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

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