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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2003/08

IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS – FRESH LONGAN AND LYCHEE FRUIT FROM THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The purpose of this Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) is to notify you of the availability of a technical issues paper for the import risk analysis (IRA) on fresh longan and lychee fruit from The People’s Republic Of China.

Our letter to stakeholders dated 12 October 2000, advised that this IRA would follow the routine process and that both longans and lychees would be considered in the one IRA.

A technical issues paper has been prepared for this IRA. The purpose of the technical issues paper is to provide information on the:

- biosecurity framework
- method for pest risk analysis
- proposal to import fresh longan and lychee fruit from China
- preliminary results of pest categorisation and
- further steps in the IRA process.

The technical issues paper is available from the AFFA website at <http://www.affa.gov.au/plantbiosecurity> or copies can be requested from the contact point below.

You are invited to comment on the technical issues paper. Written submissions will be accepted until the close of business 13 May 2003 and should be forwarded to:

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Stakeholders are encouraged to make submissions electronically.

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 above address.

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 will be publicly available and 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.

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

I look forward to receiving your comments on the technical issues paper.

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