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## **PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2003/17**

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

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum notifies stakeholders of Biosecurity Australia’s decision to consider Thailand’s import access request for longan and lychee into Australia in the import risk analysis (IRA) on fresh longan and lychee fruit from the People’s Republic of China.

Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) 2003/08 of 14 March 2003 advised stakeholders that Biosecurity Australia had prepared a technical issues paper for the IRA on fresh longan and lychee fruit from the People’s Republic of China, and sought stakeholder comments.

Following the release of the technical issues paper, the Department of Agriculture (DOA), Thailand requested that Biosecurity Australia consider import access for fresh longan and lychee fruit from Thailand to Australia in an IRA. DOA provided Biosecurity Australia with a comprehensive submission in support of Thailand’s request, including detailed pest and disease information.

Biosecurity Australia has conducted a preliminary assessment of the pest lists provided by Thailand and China and concluded that they are sufficiently similar to be assessed within the current IRA.

Biosecurity Australia considers that it would be more efficient to consider the access requests from Thailand and China at the same time, and that this would not impede the progress of the current IRA on longan and lychee.

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