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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2003/03

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 an extension of existing policy for the importation of fresh cherry fruit from New Zealand. The extension will allow importation of fresh cherry fruit into Western Australia.

Biosecurity Australia released PBPM 2002/48 and a review document *Extension of Existing Policy for Fresh Cherry Fruit Exported from New Zealand into Western Australia* on 3 December 2002 and stakeholders were invited to comment on the paper. Two submissions were received and comments have been incorporated into the final document, where appropriate.

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 both regional and national quarantine pests that may be associated with fresh cherry fruit exported from New Zealand into Western Australia.

Importation of fresh cherry fruit from New Zealand into Western Australia may now commence subject to conditions documented in the final review paper and following amendment of the Western Australian Plant Diseases Regulations 1989. The review paper can be obtained from the AFFA website (www.affa.gov.au/plantbiosecurity) or requested from the contact point below.

Should you require additional information, please contact Technical and Administrative Services.

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