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REVIEW OF THE AUSTRALIAN REQUIREMENT FOR PETAL TESTING AND FLOWER EXAMINATION AT BLOSSOMING FOR POME FRUIT FROM JAPAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) advises stakeholders of the availability of a review of the Australian requirement for petal testing and flower examination at blossoming for Japanese Nashi pear and Japanese Fuji apple from Japan and Korean pear from Korea and Ya pear from China.

Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) 2002/22 of 15 May 2002 advised stakeholders that Biosecurity Australia would conduct a review of the import conditions for Nashi pear from Japan and Korean pear from Korea. The review was based on: pest and disease surveys undertaken by the respective countries to verify the plant health status of export orchards; the history of trade; and visits by Australian plant pathologists.

Two comments were received in response to PBPM 2002/22 and Biosecurity Australia subsequently consulted with the Australian Apple and Pear Growers Association and the Apple and Pear Growers Association of South Australia.

Import conditions for Ya pear from China and Fuji apple from Japan were also included in the review to ensure all existing pome fruit imports for Japan, Korea and China were considered.

The scope of the review was limited to existing requirements for petal testing and blossom cluster examination for brown rot (*Monilinia fructigena*), black spot (*Alternaria gaisen*) and scab (*Venturia nashicola*) in Asian pome fruit orchards in Japan, Korea and China that are designated by quarantine authorities for the purpose of exporting fruit to Australia.

The results of the review indicate that the regime of measures including orchard inspections, pesticide programs and contemporary management practices currently undertaken in export orchards enables the removal of the requirement for petal and flower examination. Biosecurity Australia has therefore removed the requirements for petal testing and flower cluster examination from the existing import protocols for pome fruit from Japan, Korea and China.

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