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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2003/14

DRAFT IMPORT POLICY FOR ASIAN ('SHANDONG') PEARS FROM SHANDONG PROVINCE, CHINA

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum is to notify stakeholders of the release of draft import policy for Asian ('Shandong') pears from Shandong Province, China.

Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum 2002/26 of 19 June 2002 notified stakeholders of Plant Biosecurity's intention to assess China's request for Asian ('Shandong') pears from Shandong Province by way of an extension of existing policy for ya pears from China.

A review on import of Asian ('Shandong') pear from Shandong Province has been completed, and the draft import policy has now been developed. The draft import policy is available from the AFFA website at <http://www.affa.gov.au/plantbiosecurity> or copies can be requested from the contact point below. Comments on the draft import policy should be received by Technical and Administrative Services by 7 July 2003.

Consultation

If you wish to suggest inclusion of an additional stakeholder in our distribution list for this item, or if you wish to be removed from the distribution list, please provide details to Technical and Administrative Services at the following address:

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