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## **PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM    2003/18**

### **PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO IMPORT POLICY FOR FRESH PINEAPPLE FRUIT**

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum is to notify stakeholders of a proposal to add an additional provision to current policy for pineapple fruit imports allowing mandatory methyl bromide fumigation to be done on-shore. All other conditions as per the pineapple Import Risk Analysis (IRA) will continue to apply.

Subsequent to the release of a generic IRA for fresh pineapples from the Philippines, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Solomon Islands, Thailand has requested modification to the policy to provide for on-shore methyl bromide fumigation at ports of entry.

The pests that are likely to be on imported pineapple fruit from these countries are similar and include sedentary pests such as scale insects and mealy bugs. Mandatory methyl bromide fumigation of fruit on-shore, with associated security arrangements, ensures that any pest risks associated with fresh pineapple fruit are mitigated in the same manner achieved by off-shore treatment. Mandatory off-shore decrowning of pineapples still applies.

In the IRA Biosecurity Australia indicated that it would consider the option of on-shore fumigation for fresh pineapple as it is essentially an equivalent measure to fumigation off-shore.

Appropriate quarantine security arrangements will address any technical concerns with this provision. These include product security, transport arrangements prior to fumigation, supervision by AQIS and approval of quarantine premises including fumigation facilities.

Stakeholders are invited to comment on the modified policy to allow for on-shore methyl bromide fumigation of fresh pineapple fruit. Comments should be received by Technical and Administrative Services by Wednesday 30 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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