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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2004/11

ANIMAL BIOSECURITY: UPDATE ON IMPORT RISK ANALYSES AND MARKET ACCESS LIST

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) provides stakeholders with a status report on the animal and aquatic animal import risk analysis (IRA) work program, and an updated list of access requests.

Attached to this ABPM is a list of Biosecurity Australia's animal IRA work program (Attachment A). Currently there are 24 animal and aquatic animal IRAs underway and a few major policy reviews.

For more information, or if you wish to be placed on a mailing list for a particular IRA, please contact the officer whose details appear below. Alternatively, if you wish to be removed from the distribution list, please advise the contact officer.

In addition to the attached information, I also recommend that you regularly check our homepage for information on animal and aquatic animal biosecurity issues, at:

<http://www.daff.gov.au/animalbiosecurity>.

Biosecurity Australia also publishes *Biosecurity Australia News* bimonthly, which provides updates on major events. If you currently do not receive the newsletter and would like to, please let us know.

Each year, Biosecurity Australia receives many proposals to import agricultural commodities. A list of these requests is maintained and, as resources become available, the highest priority requests are commenced. In deciding priority, Biosecurity Australia takes into account factors such as the availability of data, the order of receipt of proposals, the breadth and nature of interest in the establishment of new or revised conditions, the need to consider access by a particular date, as well as stakeholder comment. The list is at Attachment B, and we offer the opportunity for you to provide information or comment on the priority that you consider should be accorded by Biosecurity Australia to any of these proposals.

Biosecurity Australia has commissioned some preliminary work on a number of requests in the lead up to the future commencement of risk analyses or policy reviews. These include duck meat, passeriformes (finches), a number of zoo animals, rodents (rats, guinea pigs, zoo rodents) and small ruminant genetic material from Namibia and the Middle East. We would like to hear from veterinarians, research organisations or individuals who may be interested in providing up-to-date and comprehensive scientific reports on disease agents that are relevant to the various access requests.

Next steps

Please pass this notice to other interested parties. If those parties wish to be included in future communications on a particular issue they should get in touch with the contact officer (details below).

Confidentiality

Respondents are advised that, subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982 and the Privacy Act 1988, all submissions received in response to ABPMs will be publicly available and may be listed, or referred to, in any papers or reports prepared on the subject matter of the Memoranda.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reveal the identity of a respondent, unless a request for anonymity accompanies the submission. Where a request for anonymity does not accompany the submission, the respondent will be taken to have consented to the disclosure of his or her identity for the purposes of Information Privacy Principle 11 of the Privacy Act.

The contents of the submission will not be treated as confidential unless they are marked 'confidential' and they are capable of being classified as such in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY: IMPORT RISK ANALYSES (IRAs)

AQUATIC	STATUS	NEXT STEPS
Prawn and prawn products	Dr Brian Jones from Fisheries Western Australia joined the IRA team in March 2004 (ABPM 2004/05). The panel met in April and June 2004.	Release of a revised draft IRA report. The IRA team is to meet on 3 and 4 August 2004.
Non-viable bivalve molluscs	The Issues Paper was released in September 2002 (ABPM 2002/44). Lower priority project, progressing slowly.	Release of the draft IRA report.
Freshwater Crayfish	The Issues Paper was released in May 1999 (ABPM 1999/31). Lower priority project, progressing slowly.	Release of the draft IRA report.
Freshwater Finfish	Lower priority project, progressing slowly. The Issues Paper was released in May 2002 (ABPM 2002/19).	Release of the draft IRA report.
Review: Viral Haemorrhagic Septicaemia Virus (VHSV)	Policy review followed reports of VHSV in pilchards and mackerel from California and interim conditions in May 2002. Draft policy review was released for public comment in June 2003 (ABPM 2003/15).	Release of final policy review.
AVIAN	STATUS	NEXT STEPS
Uncooked chicken meat	The IRA team has met regularly. The Methods Paper was released in January 2003 (ABPM 2003/01).	Release of the draft IRA report.
Edible eggs and egg products	The IRA team has met regularly. Professor Tannock joined the IRA team in April 2003 (ABPM 2003/12).	Release of the draft IRA report. The IRA team is to meet on 5 and 6 August 2004.
Live birds psittacines	The IRA team has met regularly. IRA team has met with chicken meat team to ensure consistency in approach.	Release of draft IRA report.
Live birds - flamingoes	The Issues Paper was released in December 1999 (AQPM 99/89). Higher priority tasks have delayed progress.	Release of the draft IRA report.
Live birds – crown cranes	The Issues Paper was released in November 2002 (ABPM 2002/48).	Release of the draft IRA report.
Review: Specified Pathogen Free (SPF) eggs	Consulted on current contingency policy for importation of SPF eggs for veterinary vaccines in March 2004 (ABPM 2004.03). As a result of comments received an alternative approach will be released for comment.	Release of proposed alternative approach for comment.
PIGS	STATUS	NEXT STEPS
Generic pig meat	Completed. Policy determination was made on 10 May 2004 (ABPM 2004/07).	AQIS and Biosecurity Australia are implementing the policy.
Pig semen	IRA team met on 7 and 25 May 2004 to develop the work program for a revised draft IRA report, to ensure consistency in approach and methodology with the pig meat IRA.	Release of the revised draft IRA report.

RUMINANTS	STATUS	NEXT STEPS
Ruminant semen from South Africa	The Issues Paper was released in June 2002. Biosecurity Australia visited the Republic of South Africa in December 2003.	Release of the draft IRA report.

HORSES	STATUS	NEXT STEPS
Horses from South Africa	The Issues Paper was released in February 2002 (ABPM 2002/03).	Release of the draft IRA report.
Horses from countries where surra is endemic	Preparing draft IRA report.	Release of the draft IRA paper.

OTHER	STATUS	NEXT STEPS
Hides and skins	The draft IRA report was released in August 2001 (ABPM 2001/24).	Release of the final IRA report.
Wool, hair and feathers	The Issues Paper was released in October 2002 (ABPM 2002/39).	Release of the draft IRA report.
Dogs and cats	The Issues Paper released in October 2001 (ABPM 2001/29).	Release of the draft IRA report.
Ferrets	Ferrets not permitted by Department of Environment and Heritage - unable to finalise IRA.	Release of the final IRA report.

Review: TSEs and veterinary vaccines	Policy review of requirements for minimising risk of transmitting transmissible spongiform encephalopathies via veterinary vaccines and other veterinary products.	Release of review and proposed requirements for public consultation.
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ZOO	STATUS	NEXT STEPS
Non-human primates	The Issues Paper was released in March 2003 (ABPM 2003/08).	Release of the draft IRA report.
Bovidae	On hold – medium priority.	
Marsupials	On hold – medium priority.	
Zoo suidae and dicotylidae	On hold – medium priority.	
Reptiles (snakes)	The Issues Paper was released in March 2003 (ABPM 2003/07).	Release of the draft IRA report.
Deer and genetic material	Issues Paper released in April 2003 (ABPM 2003/10). Revised to an IRA for spotted deer from the Philippines	Release of draft IRA report.
Honey bee semen	Issues paper released in August 2003 (ABPM 02/40)	Release of draft IRA report.

ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY: MARKET ACCESS REQUESTS

Aquatic

1. Non-viable crustaceans, other than prawns and crayfish
2. Non-viable molluscs, other than bivalves
3. Live brine shrimp for use as aquatic animal feed and ornamental purposes
4. Processed aquatic animal feeds
5. Non-viable cnidarians, echinoderms, tunicates and other aquatic invertebrates
6. Importation of live lobsters and mud crabs from PNG
7. Live aquatic animals for human consumption
8. Live aquatic animals other than fin fish for ornamental purposes
9. Development of standards for registered premises that hold aquatic animals and products, including live animals used for research and display
10. Transshipment and temporary importation of live aquatic animals
11. Live *Penaeus vannamei*
12. Live Triops
13. Live grey nurse shark
14. Live barramundi cod for aquaculture
15. Live blue mussels from, New Zealand for human consumption

Avian

16. Pheasants from the UK
17. Day-old chicks from the Netherlands
18. Finches
19. African penguin

Poultry Meat

20. Duck meat from Thailand and Malaysia
21. Cooked turkey meat from the USA

Pig

22. Live pigs
23. Laboratory pigs

Horses

24. Horses and equine semen from New Zealand
25. Equine embryos from Argentina
26. Horses from Argentina
27. Horses from New Caledonia
28. Horses from Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore
29. Thoroughbred horses from Turkey
30. Frozen equine semen and embryos from Europe and USA
31. Horses, including return of Australian horses, from South Korea
32. Horses from Saudi Arabia
33. Horses from Macau

Ruminants

34. Cattle from the EU
35. Sheep embryos from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait or Jordan
36. Ovine genetic material from Israel

37. Small ruminant genetic material from Namibia

Other

- 38. Chilled frog legs (commercial purposes).
- 39. Companion rats and mice
- 40. Rabbit genetic material
- 41. Stock feed of animal origin
- 42. Fertiliser of animal origin
- 43. Bone and bone products
- 44. Laboratory rodent embryos
- 45. Pet rodents (other than rabbits)