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Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

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**ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2004/19
PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2004/24**

BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA – PRESCRIBED AGENCY

This Policy Memorandum advises stakeholders of Minister Truss' announcement that Biosecurity Australia has become a prescribed agency.

Attached to this Memorandum is Minister Truss' media release announcing that Biosecurity Australia has become a prescribed agency under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act, 1997*. This came into effect on 1 December 2004. Biosecurity Australia is now financially independent from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Minister Truss has appointed Mr John Cahill, formerly a senior executive in the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS), as the interim Chief Executive Officer of Biosecurity Australia.

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

Information on all IRAs and policy reviews being conducted by Biosecurity Australia is available on the Internet at www.daff.gov.au/biosecurityaustralia.

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