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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2004/09

REVISED DRAFT IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS REPORT FOR APPLES FROM NEW ZEALAND

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) is to notify stakeholders that information related to the revised draft import risk analysis (IRA) report for apples from New Zealand is available on the departmental website.

Biosecurity Australia has made available a copy of the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet model, presenting in electronic form the risk estimation methodology used in the revised draft IRA report for apples from New Zealand. For convenience, tables of the relevant inputs and outputs that accord with the IRA team's recommendations are also included.

The documents are available from the departmental website at www.daff.gov.au/plantbiosecurity. Please contact Technical and Administrative Services if you experience any difficulty downloading the documents.

Stakeholders are reminded that the comment period on the revised draft IRA report has been extended until 23 June 2004. Comments should be received by Technical and Administrative Services at the following address:

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The revised draft IRA report is available from the Departmental website at www.daff.gov.au/plantbiosecurity or copies can be requested in either hard copy or CD ROM format from Technical and Administrative Services at the above address.

Confidentiality

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

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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 1988.

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 1982.

Consultation

If you wish to suggest inclusion of an additional stakeholder in our distribution list, or if you wish to be removed from the distribution list, please provide details to Technical and Administrative Services.

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

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