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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2004/13

**REVISED DRAFT IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS REPORT FOR APPLES FROM
NEW ZEALAND – INFORMATION SESSIONS**

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) provides details of a series of regional information sessions to assist stakeholders in preparing submissions to the *Revised Draft Import Risk Analysis Report for the Importation of Apples from New Zealand*.

Biosecurity Australia in consultation with Apple and Pear Australia Limited will hold a series of information sessions on the *Revised Draft Import Risk Analysis Report for the Importation of Apples from New Zealand* in the major apple growing areas throughout Australia as follows:

Orange	NSW	Monday 3 May 2004
Shepparton	VIC	Tuesday 11 May 2004
Adelaide Hills	SA	Thursday 13 May 2004
Perth Hills	WA	Monday 17 May 2004
Donnybrook	WA	Wednesday 19 May 2004
Huon Valley	TAS	Friday 21 May 2004
Knoxfield	VIC	Monday 24 May 2004
Stanthorpe	QLD	Thursday 27 May 2004
Batlow	NSW	Date to be advised

The purpose of the information sessions is to give stakeholders an understanding of the IRA process, an opportunity to discuss technical issues as they relate to the recommendations in the revised draft report and to discuss the next steps in the IRA process.

Arrangements for the first information session in Orange, New South Wales have now been finalised as follows:

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Monday 3 May 2004
Coral Sea Room, Orange Ex-services' Club
241 Anson Street, ORANGE NSW 2800
Tel: (02) 6362 2666

As people attending this session will be arriving after a working day, light refreshments (finger foods, coffee and tea) will be made available at the commencement of the session.

Stakeholders will be provided with additional session times once arrangements have been finalised in consultation with the relevant regional apple grower representatives.

Please contact Technical and Administrative Services of Plant Biosecurity, if you require more information about the proposed sessions.

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:

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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.

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 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

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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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