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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2004/05

CITRUS FROM ITALY

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) is to notify stakeholders of the cessation of the Import Risk Analysis (IRA) for citrus from Italy and of Biosecurity Australia's intention to assess the access request as an extension of existing policy.

The IRA for fresh citrus fruit from Italy was initiated in November 1998. The Italian National Plant Protection Organisation has recently altered the scope of the access request to blood oranges from the provinces of Calabria and Sicily.

In view of the changes to the scope of the access request for Italian citrus Biosecurity Australia has concluded that the access request can be completed as an extension of existing policy based upon current import policy for citrus from Egypt, Israel and Spain. Given that the scope is limited to blood oranges, Biosecurity Australia considers that the potential quarantine pests associated with citrus from Italy do not pose significantly different quarantine risks or require significantly different management measures than those for which policy already exists.

A draft policy document outlining the proposed import conditions for blood oranges from the Italian provinces of Calabria and Sicily will be developed and distributed to stakeholders for comment.

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.

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