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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2004/10

SNOWPEAS FROM KENYA, ZAMBIA AND ZIMBABWE

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) is to notify stakeholders of the cessation of the Import Risk Analysis (IRA) for snow peas from Kenya, Zambia and Zimbabwe and of Biosecurity Australia's intention to assess the access request as a review of existing policy.

In August 1998 stakeholders were advised of the commencement of an IRA for snow peas from Africa with specific reference to Kenya, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Snow peas have been allowed into Australia from all countries since 1982, with trade commencing from Kenya, Zambia, and Zimbabwe from the late 1980's onwards. Import conditions from these countries were amended in 1998 to address concerns regarding pest interceptions.

Due to the long history of existing trade in snow peas, Biosecurity Australia has determined to finalise this issue as a review of existing policy.

A *draft review of quarantine requirements for the import of snow peas from Kenya, Zambia and Zimbabwe* will be developed and distributed to stakeholders for comment. This revision will provide information on:

- the background to the review
- pests and diseases of quarantine concern
- existing import conditions and
- any proposed changes to import conditions

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 at the address below:

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

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