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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2004/12

POLICY DETERMINATION ON FRESH LONGAN AND LYCHEE FRUIT FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THAILAND

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) advises stakeholders of the final policy determination to allow the importation of fresh longan (*Dimocarpus longan* Lour.) and lychee (*Litchi chinensis* Sonn.) fruit from the Peoples' Republic of China and Thailand incorporating conditions outlined in the final Import Risk Analysis (IRA) report.

Biosecurity Australia notified stakeholders in PBPM 2004/04 of the release of the final IRA report on the importation of fresh longan and lychee fruit from the People's Republic of China and Thailand on 27 February 2004.

Stakeholders were given the opportunity to appeal to the Import Risk Analysis Appeal Panel -a body that is separate from Biosecurity Australia. No appeals were received.

The final policy determination to allow the importation of fresh longan and lychee fruit from the Peoples' Republic of China and Thailand, incorporating conditions outlined in the final IRA report, has now been made by the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine. The implementation of the policy will now proceed. Biosecurity Australia will notify the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) of the new policy and AQIS will publish the import conditions on the AQIS website (www.aqis.gov.au/icon).

Biosecurity Australia would like to thank all stakeholders for their involvement in finalising this IRA process. If you have any further queries please contact Technical and Administrative Services at the following address:

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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 <u>www.daff.gov.au/plantbiosecurity</u>.

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