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## PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2005/01

## IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS – FRESH UNSHU MANDARIN FRUIT FROM THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH KOREA

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum notifies stakeholders of Biosecurity Australia's decision to include consideration of South Korea's import access request for fresh unshu mandarin fruit to Australia in the current import risk analysis (IRA) on fresh unshu mandarin fruit from Japan.

Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) 2002/49 of 6 December 2002 advised stakeholders that Biosecurity Australia had prepared a technical issues paper for the IRA on fresh unshu mandarin fruit from Japan, and sought stakeholder comments.

In June 2004, the National Plant Quarantine Service, Korea (NPQS), requested that Biosecurity Australia consider import access for fresh unshu mandarin fruit from Korea to Australia in an IRA. NPQS provided Biosecurity Australia with a comprehensive submission in support of Korea's request, including detailed pest and disease information.

Biosecurity Australia has conducted a preliminary assessment of the pest lists provided by Korea and Japan and concluded that they are sufficiently similar to be assessed within the current IRA.

Biosecurity Australia considers that it would be more efficient to consider the access requests from Korea and Japan at the same time, and that this would not impede the progress of the current IRA on unshu mandarin.

If you have any queries please contact Technical and Administrative Services at the address below:

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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.

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