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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2005/13

DETERMINATION OF THE FINAL EXTENSION OF POLICY FOR THE IMPORTATION OF PEARS FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) advises stakeholders of the final extension of policy determination for the importation of pears from the People's Republic of China including an additional species and additional production regions.

In response to an application from the Government of the People's Republic of China (China), Biosecurity Australia (BA) conducted a pest risk analysis to determine if an additional pear species and pears from additional regions in China could be imported safely into Australia. In accordance with advice to stakeholders provided in April 2005, BA considered this market access request as an extension of existing policy for pears from China, and made a recommendation to the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine that pears from China should be permitted entry into Australia under specific quarantine conditions.

The Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine has subsequently determined a variation to policy to permit the entry of an additional pear species and pears from additional production areas from China to Australia.

The final report is available from the Biosecurity Australia website at www.daff.gov.au/plantbiosecurity under 'current topics' or copies can be requested from Technical and Administrative Services at the following address:

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Consultation

If you wish to suggest inclusion of an additional stakeholder on 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 www.daff.gov.au/plantbiosecurity

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