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**Biosecurity Australia**

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**BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA POLICY MEMORANDUM 2006/03**  
**SPREADSHEET MODEL FOR REVISED DRAFT IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS REPORT**  
**FOR APPLES FROM NEW ZEALAND**

This Biosecurity Australia Policy Memorandum (BAPM) is to notify stakeholders of the release of the spreadsheet model used in the December 2005 *Revised Draft Import Risk Analysis Report for Apples from New Zealand*, on request, subject to agreement by individual stakeholders to specific conditions to maintain its integrity.

Biosecurity Australia issued the *Revised Draft Import Risk Analysis Report for Apples from New Zealand* on 1 December 2005 for comment by stakeholders by 30 March 2006 (BAPM 2005/20).

In addition to this report the Chief Executive, Biosecurity Australia, has decided to release a copy of the spreadsheet model used in the *Revised Draft Import Risk Analysis Report for Apples from New Zealand*.

This spreadsheet model presents the risk estimation method used in the report. The structure and form of the model were developed by an import risk analysis team, which took into account available information, stakeholder comments and the expert advice provided by the Bureau of Rural Sciences. The structure of the model is based on the Method for Import Risk Analysis described in pages 11–42 of the *Revised Draft Import Risk Analysis Report for Apples from New Zealand Part B*. This model is a tool for understanding and defining the level of unrestricted risk and for estimating the effectiveness of risk management options, based on a series of expert assumptions. The model is not designed to provide a definitive risk value for any pest or pest event. It is a tool that the IRA team used to assist them in their deliberations. The model must be used in conjunction with the whole of the risk assumptions and values defined in the *Revised Draft Import Risk Analysis Report for Apples from New Zealand Part B*.

To obtain a copy of the spreadsheet model and a password, stakeholders are required to read the Terms of Use and send a Request Form to Biosecurity Australia. Biosecurity Australia will post the Request Form and the Terms of Use on the Internet on 1 February 2006. Upon receipt of a signed Request Form, Biosecurity Australia will provide an electronic copy of the spreadsheet model with a unique password to open the file.

Please note that the software @RISK of the Palisade Corporation ([www.palisade.com](http://www.palisade.com)) is required to run the model. Biosecurity Australia is unable to provide this software as it is protected by intellectual property rights. You will need to comply with relevant copyright requirements for the use of @RISK.

Completed Request Forms should be returned by e-mail to [plantbiosec@daff.gov.au](mailto:plantbiosec@daff.gov.au) or mail to the following address:

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### **Confidentiality**

Stakeholders are advised that, subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1988*, all submissions received in response to Biosecurity Australia Policy Memoranda will be publicly available and may be listed or referred to in any papers or reports prepared on the subject matter of the memoranda.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reveal the identity of a respondent unless a request for anonymity accompanies the submission. Where a request for anonymity does not accompany the submission the respondent will be taken to have consented to the disclosure of his or her identity for the purposes of Information Privacy Principle 11 of the *Privacy Act 1988*.

The contents of the submission will not be treated as confidential unless they are marked 'confidential' and they are capable of being classified as such in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

### **Consultation**

Please contact David Heinrich, Manager, Special Projects, on (02) 6272 3320 should you require any clarification about using the model.

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