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Biosecurity Australia

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BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA POLICY MEMORANDUM 2006/05

STONE FRUIT FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

This Biosecurity Australia Policy Memorandum (BAPM) notifies stakeholders that Biosecurity Australia has received a market access request for stone fruit from the USA (California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington). This application will be assessed by Biosecurity Australia as a review of existing policies governing the current importation of cherries and stone fruit.

Biosecurity Australia (BA) has received a market access request from the USA for the importation of stone fruit (nectarines, peaches and plums) from California and the Pacific North West States (Idaho, Oregon and Washington) of the USA.

Biosecurity Australia will consider this access request as a review of existing biosecurity policy, based on the policies for the importation of cherry fruit from California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington and stone fruit from New Zealand into Australia. A draft policy report on the review of policy will be prepared and distributed to stakeholders for comment.

Consultation

Please pass this notice to other interested parties. If you wish to suggest the inclusion of an additional stakeholder on our register, or if you wish to be removed from the stakeholder register, please provide details to Technical and Administrative Services (see below).

Information on all IRAs and policy reviews being conducted by Plant Biosecurity is available on the Internet at www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au

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*.

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