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BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA POLICY MEMORANDUM 2006/06

REVISED IMPORT CONDITIONS FOR CITRUS FROM ISRAEL

This Biosecurity Australia Policy Memorandum (BAPM) is to notify stakeholders that the import conditions for fresh citrus fruit from Israel have been revised. Import of fresh citrus fruit from Israel can resume under the revised import conditions which will be available on the AQIS ICON database.

The import conditions for fresh citrus fruit from Israel have been revised in line with Australia's conservative quarantine requirements following the completion of Biosecurity Australia's risk assessment on mal secco (a fungal disease of citrus) and an audit visit to Israel to assess the management of mal secco in citrus orchards.

The import of Israeli citrus, which was stopped by Israel's Plant Protection and Inspection Services in October 2004 due to loss of area freedom for mal secco, can resume under the revised import conditions based on orchard freedom for mal secco. The revised conditions are available on the AQIS import conditions (ICON) database www.aqis.gov.au/icon.

Consultation

Please pass this notice to other interested parties. If you wish to suggest 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 import risk analyses and policy reviews being conducted by Biosecurity Australia 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.

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