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BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA POLICY MEMORANDUM 2007/04

**IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS REPORT FOR APPLES FROM NEW ZEALAND
APPEAL FINDINGS**

This Biosecurity Australia Policy Memorandum is to advise stakeholders that the Import Risk Analysis Appeal Panel, which is independent of Biosecurity Australia, has delivered its findings related to the *Final Import Risk Analysis Report for Apples from New Zealand*.

The Chair of the Panel has informed me that the Panel considered three appeals that had been received and has disallowed all appeals. The Panel considered that one claim did not fall within the grounds for appeal.

Biosecurity Australia will now provide the final import risk analysis report and policy recommendations to Australia's Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine to enable a policy determination to be made.

I have been advised by the Chair of the Import Risk Analysis Appeal Panel (the Panel) for the *Final Import Risk Analysis Report for Apples from New Zealand* that the Panel has delivered its findings to the appellants and Australia's Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine.

The Chair of the Panel has asked me to advise registered stakeholders of the Panel's findings.

Three appeals, containing a number of claims, were lodged with the Import Risk Analysis Appeal Panel for consideration. The Panel disallowed all appeals and found that one claim did not fall within the grounds for appeal. The findings of the Panel and a copy of the appeals are available on the Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry website at www.daff.gov.au/iraap.

As the appeal process is now complete, Biosecurity Australia will now submit the *Final Import Risk Analysis Report for Apples from New Zealand* and policy recommendations to Australia's Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine to enable a policy determination to be made.

Background

The appeals period for the *Final Import Risk Analysis Report for Apples from New Zealand*, issued by Biosecurity Australia on 30 November 2006, closed on 12 January 2007 (reference BAPM 2006/37). Following advice from the Import Risk Analysis Appeal Panel Secretariat, Biosecurity Australia advised stakeholders that three appeals were submitted in response to the final import risk analysis report (reference BAPM 2007/02).

The Panel had 45 days from 12 January 2007 to consider appeals and report its findings to the appellants and to the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine.

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