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BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA POLICY MEMORANDUM 2007/12

**REVISED DRAFT IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS REPORT FOR
BANANAS FROM THE PHILIPPINES**

This Biosecurity Australia Policy Memorandum (BAPM) notifies stakeholders that the opportunity to provide comment on the *Revised draft import risk analysis report for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines*, released on 1 March 2007, has been extended for a period of 30 days. Stakeholders now have until close of business on 29 June 2007 to comment on the draft report.

Biosecurity Australia issued a revised draft import risk analysis (IRA) report for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines to stakeholders on 1 March 2007 for comment by 30 May 2007 (BAPM 2007/06). The extended comment period of 90 days, compared with the usual 60 days, was provided to give stakeholders sufficient time to absorb and comment on the very substantial and detailed material contained in the report's three volumes.

In response to a stakeholder request I have decided to extend the comment period for a further 30 days until close of business Friday 29 June 2007. This will ensure that stakeholders have every opportunity to engage appropriate expertise and have sufficient time to comment on the substantial material contained in the report.

As advised in my memorandum of 1 March 2007, the draft report is available from the Biosecurity Australia website, www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au. A hard copy can be requested from the address below. In addition, Biosecurity Australia has posted on the website a corrigendum containing corrections that have come to our attention during the consultation period to date, and will continue to do so for the extended comment period.

Comments on the draft IRA report should now be submitted by 29 June 2007 to Biosecurity Australia at:

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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 Plant Biosecurity 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.

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.

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 the above address.

Information on all IRAs and policy reviews being conducted by Biosecurity Australia is available via www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au.

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