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**DRAFT IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS REPORT FOR FRESH CAPSICUM (PAPRIKA)**  
**FRUIT FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

This Biosecurity Australia Advice notifies stakeholders of the release of the *Draft import risk analysis report for fresh capsicum (paprika) fruit from the Republic of Korea*.

The draft report identifies three thrips that require quarantine measures: European flower thrips, western flower thrips and melon thrips.

The draft report proposes pre-export and on-arrival inspections and, if any quarantine pests are detected, remedial action will be taken. This will be supported by an operational system to maintain and verify the quarantine status of consignments.

This draft report is being issued for 60 days consultation. Comments and submissions are invited by 18 July 2008.

Biosecurity Australia Advice 2008/07, of 18 March 2008, announced the formal commencement of a standard, regulated import risk analysis (IRA) to consider a proposal to import fresh capsicum (paprika) fruit from the Republic of Korea. The transition of this risk analysis into the new regulated IRA process recognises the work already completed under the previous process.

This Biosecurity Australia Advice notifies stakeholders of the release of the *Draft import risk analysis report for fresh capsicum (paprika) fruit from the Republic of Korea*. Stakeholders are invited to provide comments and submissions on the report by 18 July 2008.

The draft IRA report identifies three quarantine pests that require quarantine measures to manage risks to a very low level in order to achieve Australia's appropriate level of protection.

The quarantine pests are European flower thrips, western flower thrips and melon thrips.

The draft report proposes pre-export and on-arrival inspections and, if any quarantine pests are detected, remedial action, such as fumigation, will be taken. This will be supported by an operational system to maintain and verify the quarantine status of consignments.

Western flower thrips has been identified as a quarantine pest for the Northern Territory and Tasmania and melon thrips has been identified as a quarantine pest for the Northern Territory, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia. The proposed quarantine measures take account of these regional differences.

The draft report and information about the regulated IRA process are available from the Biosecurity Australia website, [www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au](http://www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au). Printed copies are available, if required.

Comments on the draft IRA report should be submitted by 18 July 2008 to:

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The contents of the submission will only be treated as confidential if they are marked 'confidential' and can be classified as such in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

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