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## **BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA ADVICE 2010/06**

## COMMENCEMENT OF A NON-REGULATED ANALYSIS OF EXISTING POLICY FOR MANGOES FROM PAKISTAN

This Biosecurity Australia Advice announces the commencement of a non-regulated analysis of existing policy to consider a proposal to import mangoes from Pakistan.

Biosecurity Australia will prepare a draft report, drawing upon the existing policies for mangoes from India, the Philippines and Taiwan, which will be circulated to stakeholders for comment.

The commencement of this analysis is in response to a request for market access for mangoes from the Government of Pakistan.

A preliminary assessment of the pests potentially associated with mangoes from Pakistan indicate that these pests do not pose significantly different quarantine risks, or require significantly different management measures than those for which policy exists, namely for the pests associated with mangoes from India, the Philippines and Tajwan. In view of this, Biosecurity Australia has determined that the market access request for mangoes from Pakistan can be progressed as a nonregulated analysis of existing policy rather than as a regulated import risk analysis (IRA). Preparation of the draft report will take account the IRAs previously completed for the importation of mangoes from India, the Philippines and Taiwan.

The next step is to prepare and release a draft report to enable all interested stakeholders to comment and provide submissions. A comment period of 60 days will apply.

Following the completion of the comment period, Biosecurity Australia will consider all comments and publish a final report.

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