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## **BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA ADVICE 2010/17**

## COMMENCEMENT OF A NON-REGULATED ANALYSIS OF EXISTING POLICY FOR FRESH MANGOSTEEN FRUIT FROM INDONESIA

This Biosecurity Australia Advice announces the formal commencement of a non-regulated analysis of existing policy to consider a proposal to import fresh mangosteen fruit from Indonesia.

Biosecurity Australia will prepare a draft report in due course, which will be circulated to stakeholders for comment.

The commencement of this analysis is in response to a request for market access for fresh mangosteen fruit from the Government of Indonesia.

A preliminary assessment of the pests potentially associated with mangosteen from Indonesia indicates 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 mangosteen from Thailand. In view of this, Biosecurity Australia has determined that the market access request for mangosteen from Indonesia can be progressed as a non-regulated analysis of existing policy rather than as a regulated import risk analysis (IRA). Preparation of the draft report will take account of the IRA previously completed for the importation of mangosteen from Thailand and subsequent revisions of that policy.

The next step is to prepare and release a draft report to enable all interested stakeholders to comment. 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.

Stakeholders should note that Biosecurity Australia is also considering a market access request from the Government of Malaysia for fresh mangosteen fruit. Advice to stakeholders in relation to this request is likely to occur in the near future.

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