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BIOSECURITY ADVICE 2015/04

Draft report for the non-regulated analysis of existing policy for fresh nectarine fruit from China

This Biosecurity Advice notifies stakeholders of the release of the *Draft report for the non-regulated analysis of existing policy for fresh nectarine fruit from China*.

The draft report identifies pests that require phytosanitary measures to manage the risk to a very low level in order to achieve Australia's appropriate level of protection.

This draft report is being issued for 30 days consultation. Written comments and submissions are invited by 28 June 2015.

Biosecurity Advice 2015/02, of 4 February 2015, announced the formal commencement of a non-regulated analysis of existing policy to consider a proposal to import fresh nectarine fruit from the People's Republic of China (China).

This Biosecurity Advice notifies stakeholders of the release of the *Draft report for the non-regulated analysis of existing policy for fresh nectarine fruit from China*. Stakeholders have until 28 June 2015 to provide written comments on the draft report.

The draft report identifies 19 pests associated with fresh nectarine fruit from China that require phytosanitary measures. Out of these 19 pests, 14 are arthropods, four are fungal pathogens, and one is a virus.

Regional differences were identified for one quarantine pest each for Western Australia and the Northern Territory. The proposed quarantine measures take account of these regional differences.

The draft report proposes a range of risk management measures, combined with a system of operational procedures to ensure quarantine standards are met. These measures are considered to reduce the risk posed by the 19 pests, and achieve Australia's appropriate level of protection (ALOP).

These measures include:

- visual inspection and remedial action for leaf rollers, mealybug, spider mite, and thrips
- area freedom or fruit treatment (cold disinfestations or irradiation) for fruit flies
- area freedom or fruit treatment (methyl bromide fumigation or irradiation) or a systems approach approved by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture for spotted wing drosophila

- area freedom or area of low pest prevalence or fruit treatment (methyl bromide fumigation or irradiation) or a systems approach approved by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture for fruit borers
- area freedom or area of low pest prevalence or alternative measures approved by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture for brown rots
- area freedom or systems approach approved by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture for plum pox virus
- a supporting operational system to maintain and verify the phytosanitary status of export consignments.

The draft report and information about the risk analysis process are available at the [department's website](#). Printed copies of the report are available, if required.

Comments on the draft report must be submitted by 28 June 2015.

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