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CONSULTATION STARTS ON NEW BIOSECURITY REGULATION

Public consultation has commenced for the draft Biosecurity (Biosecurity Import Risk Analyses) Regulation 2015.

The Australian Government through the Department of Agriculture has released the first draft regulation under the new *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

The release of the draft Biosecurity (Biosecurity Import Risk Analyses) Regulation 2015 (BIRA regulation) gives interested clients and stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback on how biosecurity import risk analyses will be conducted when the new Act takes effect in **June 2016**.

The BIRA regulation sets out the key steps to the BIRA process. The BIRA regulation also includes specific timeframes, publications and consultation requirements, involvement of a scientific advisory group and the role of the Inspector-General of Biosecurity in the BIRA process.

The draft BIRA process under the new legislation was guided by the recommendations from the recently released [examination of the import risk analysis \(IRA\) process report](#).

The exposure draft of the BIRA regulation has been published on the department's website for a three month consultation period and will close on **30 November 2015**.

More information, or to make a submission, please visit:

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