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## **Biosecurity Advice 2016/08**

### **Proposed conditions for the import of poppy straw and pellets from Turkey, Hungary and Portugal for processing**

This is a Biosecurity Advice to notify stakeholders that the proposed conditions for the import of poppy (*Papaver somniferum*) straw and pellets for processing in Australia from Turkey, Hungary and Portugal have been developed. These conditions are being issued for 30 days consultation. Written comments and submissions are invited by 30 April 2016.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has issued the proposed conditions for the import of poppy straw and pellets from Turkey, Hungary and Portugal for processing in Australia. In support of the request for consideration of an import permit, the proponent has provided submissions detailing in part the field management, harvesting and storage information for the intended commodity, along with other relevant information.

Two weevils (*Ethelcus denticulatus* and *Neogloecianus maculaalba*) and storage pests (*Liposcelis* spp. and *Trogoderma* spp.) have been identified as pests of biosecurity concern. Operational procedures and risk management measures are proposed to ensure biosecurity standards are met and achieve Australia's appropriate level of protection (ALOP). These include certification for freedom from storage pests, inspection on arrival and treatment for any identified pests or diseases with fumigation, heat treatment or irradiation as appropriate.

The proposed phytosanitary measures address the risk of introducing plant quarantine pests associated with *Papaver somniferum* straw and pellets into Australia. It is the importer's responsibility to ensure compliance with the requirements of any other regulatory or advisory bodies prior to and after importation of this commodity. Among others, these could include the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, Office of Drug Control (Department of Health), Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, Department of the Environment and state departments of agriculture.

Stakeholders have up to 30 days to submit written comments on these proposed conditions. Comments must be submitted by 30 April 2016.

Please pass this notice to other interested parties. If those parties wish to be included in future communications on this matter they should contact Plant Biosecurity.

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