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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE REVIEW OF BIOSECURITY IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR FRESH LONGAN FRUIT FROM VIETNAM

This Biosecurity Advice announces the formal commencement of a review of biosecurity import requirements for fresh longan fruit (*Dimocarpus longan*) from Vietnam.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (the department) will prepare a draft report, which is expected to be issued for public consultation in mid-2018.

The commencement of this risk analysis is in response to a request for market access for fresh longan fruit from Vietnam to Australia.

A preliminary assessment for fresh longan fruit from Vietnam has been undertaken. The potential pests of quarantine concern identified are the same, or of the same pest groups, as those for longan fruit from China and Thailand, as well as other fresh fruits from Vietnam for which Australia has established import conditions, such as for lychee and mango.

Given the similarity of pests of concern and that there are appropriate risk management measures for these pests, the risk analysis for fresh longan fruit from Vietnam is being progressed as a review of biosecurity import requirements (a non-regulated risk analysis), consistent with the [Biosecurity Import Risk Analysis Guidelines 2016](#).

Further information on this risk analysis can be found in the Announcement Information Paper.

The department aims to release a draft report for public consultation in mid-2018. Another Biosecurity Advice will be issued to invite comment at that time. The department will consider all stakeholder submissions received during the consultation period in preparing the final report.

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