



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Agriculture**  
**and Water Resources**

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**BIOSECURITY ADVICE 2018/06**

**PRAWNS AND PRAWN PRODUCTS FROM ALL COUNTRIES FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION**

This Biosecurity Advice notifies stakeholders that, as part of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources' *Review of the biosecurity risks of, and import conditions for, prawns and prawn products*, submissions are invited to be made by 04 June 2018 on specific issues with Australia's current prawn import policy.

The department is undertaking a review of the biosecurity risks of, and import conditions for, prawns and prawn products for human consumption. This includes a review of the *Final generic import risk analysis report for prawns and prawn products* (Prawn IRA) released in 2009 and the enhanced import conditions for prawns and prawn products implemented on 7 July 2017. Both documents are available on the department's website: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/animal/prawns>.

The review will be science and evidence based and will consider the biosecurity risks associated with the importation (from all countries) of cooked and uncooked prawns and prawn products for human consumption and recommend appropriate import conditions to manage the biosecurity risks.

Animal Biosecurity invites submissions on specific issues with Australia's current prawn import conditions and the Prawn IRA for consideration as part of the review and when preparing the draft report.

Issues for consideration should be received in writing and should include a scientific basis for any proposed changes to Australia's prawn import policy or import conditions.

Submissions should be received by 04 June 2018 and directed to:

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CANBERRA ACT 2601

Email: [prawnreview@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:prawnreview@agriculture.gov.au)

This Biosecurity Advice is available via the department's website: [agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/memos](http://agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/memos).

For further inquiries, the Prawn Review Liaison Officer can be contacted as follows:

Email: [prawnreview@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:prawnreview@agriculture.gov.au)

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

*Confidentiality*

Stakeholders are advised that, subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1988*, all submissions received in response to Biosecurity Advices will be publicly available and may be listed or referred to in any papers or reports prepared on the subject matter.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reveal the identity of a respondent unless a request for anonymity accompanies the submission. Where a request for anonymity does not accompany the submission the respondent will be taken to have consented to the disclosure of his or her identity for the purposes of Information Privacy Principle 11 of the Privacy Act. The contents of the submission will only be treated as confidential if they are marked 'confidential' and they can be classified as such in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.



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