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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE REVIEW OF BIOSECURITY IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR FRESH LIMES FROM MEXICO

This Biosecurity Advice announces the formal commencement of the review of biosecurity import requirements for fresh limes from Mexico.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (the department) expects to release the draft report for public consultation around early 2019.

The commencement of this risk analysis is in response to a market access request for fresh limes from Mexico to Australia.

A preliminary assessment of the pests associated with fresh limes from Mexico has identified that the potential pests of quarantine concern are the same, or of the same pest groups, as those associated with other horticultural goods that have been assessed previously by Australia and for which risk management measures exist.

Given the similarity of pests of concern, and that there are appropriate risk management measures already established for these pests or pest groups, the risk analysis for fresh limes from Mexico will be 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 expects to release the draft report for public consultation around early 2019. Another Biosecurity Advice will be issued to invite comment at that time. The department will consider all stakeholder comments received during the consultation period in preparing the final risk analysis.

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