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RELEASE OF THE DRAFT REPORT FOR THE REVIEW OF BIOSECURITY IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR FRESH BREADFRUIT FROM FIJI, SAMOA AND TONGA

This Biosecurity Advice notifies stakeholders of the release of the *Draft report for the review* of biosecurity import requirements for fresh breadfruit from Fiji, Samoa and Tonga.

The draft report proposes that the importation of commercially produced fresh breadfruit to Australia from Fiji, Samoa and Tonga be permitted, subject to a range of biosecurity import requirements.

The <u>draft report</u> is being issued for a 60 calendar day public consultation period. Stakeholders are invited to submit written comments by 3 December 2018.

The draft report identifies seven quarantine pests associated with fresh breadfruit (*Artocarpus altilis*) from Fiji, Samoa and Tonga that require risk management measures. These pests are fruit fly (*Bactrocera facialis*), Fijian fruit fly (*Bactrocera passiflorae*), Pacific fruit fly (*Bactrocera xanthodes*), grey pineapple mealybug (*Dysmicoccus neobrevipes*), mealybug (*Dysmicoccus nesophilus*), Pacific mealybug (*Planococcus minor*) and cryptic mealybug (*Pseudococcus cryptus*).

The draft report proposes risk management measures, combined with operational systems, to manage biosecurity risks to achieve Australia's appropriate level of protection. These measures are:

- fruit treatment (such as high temperature forced air or irradiation) for fruit flies
- consignment freedom verified by pre-export visual inspection and, if detected, remedial action for mealybugs

Stakeholders are invited to <u>have their say</u> on the draft report. The closing date to submit comments is 3 December 2018. The department will consider all stakeholder comments received during the public consultation period in preparing a final report.

The <u>draft report</u> and information about the risk analysis process are available online. Printed copies of the report are available on request.

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