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**DRAFT REVIEW OF POLICY FOR THE IMPORTATION OF HAZELNUT (*CORYLUS* SPECIES) PROPAGATIVE MATERIAL FROM CHILE INTO AUSTRALIA**

This Biosecurity Australia Advice (BAA) invites stakeholders to provide comments on the *Draft review of policy: importation of hazelnut (Corylus species) propagative material from Chile* by 11 July 2011.

The draft report recommends a pathway specific systems approach, which is designed to manage quarantine risk off-shore and takes into account Chile's low pest status for hazelnuts.

Australia initiated this review of policy following a request to import hazelnut propagative material from Chile in commercial quantities through a defined pathway. This review has identified pathogens of quarantine concern associated with hazelnut propagative material from Chile and proposed appropriate quarantine measures to manage the risks. The review is available for comment until 11 July 2011.

The commencement of this review of policy was announced in Biosecurity Australia Advice 2011/07 dated 18 May 2011.

This review proposes a systems approach for managing the risk of imported hazelnut nursery stock, taking into account:

- Chile's low pest status,
- high health production systems for the rooted dormant cuttings to be exported, and
- regular pest monitoring of nurseries and plantations by Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero (SAG) in Chile,

The proposed import conditions comprise:

- pre-export insecticidal treatment of rooted dormant cuttings,
- phytosanitary inspection and certification by SAG,
- off-shore verification inspection (for commercial consignments) by AQIS and,
- mandatory growth and disease screening in an open post-entry quarantine facility in Australia for a minimum of 12 months.

Biosecurity Australia invites comments on the technical aspects of the proposed risk management measures for hazelnut rooted dormant cuttings produced in Chile. In particular, comments are sought on their appropriateness and any other measures stakeholders consider would provide equivalent risk management outcomes.

Comments on the draft report should be submitted by 11 July 2011 to:

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The draft report is available via Biosecurity Australia's website: [www.daff.gov.au/ba](http://www.daff.gov.au/ba).

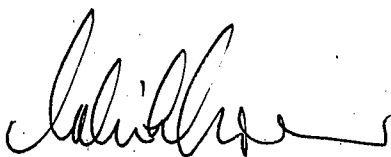
All submissions received on the draft report will be carefully considered by Biosecurity Australia in finalising the review of existing policy.

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

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