



**BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA ADVICE 2011/14**

**FINAL REPORT FOR THE NON-REGULATED ANALYSIS OF EXISTING POLICY FOR  
APPLES FROM NEW ZEALAND**

This Biosecurity Australia Advice notifies stakeholders that Australia's Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine has determined a policy for the import of apples from New Zealand. The policy has the following requirements:

- phytosanitary measures as specified in the *Final report for the non-regulated analysis of existing policy for apples from New Zealand* and those measures applying from the 2006 *Final import risk analysis report for apples from New Zealand* that were not challenged by New Zealand in the WTO
- a supply chain trace-back system for apples from orchard to arrival in Australia
- an Australian managed audit and verification system to ensure the phytosanitary status of consignments and the maintenance of the production systems used in New Zealand to produce apples for export.

The summary from the final report is provided at Attachment A.

Biosecurity Australia Advice (BAA 2010/38 of 7 December 2010) advised stakeholders of the commencement of a non-regulated analysis of existing policy (a review) for the import of New Zealand apples to Australia. The review was initiated in response to the final ruling by the World Trade Organization (WTO) regarding the validity of existing measures required for the import of New Zealand apples as set out in the 2006 import risk analysis for New Zealand apples. The review has been conducted to meet the requirements of the *Quarantine Act 1908*, the *Quarantine Proclamation 1998* (as amended) and Australia's international obligations.

A draft report of the review was released for stakeholder comment on 4 May 2011 (BAA 2011/06) for a period of 60 days during which time stakeholders had the formal opportunity to present scientific information of relevance to the assessment of phytosanitary risk associated with fire blight, European canker and apple leaf curling midge. During this comment period, Biosecurity Australia received 65 submissions and these are available on the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry website<sup>1</sup>.

Biosecurity Australia has taken into consideration stakeholder comments of scientific relevance to the assessment. Amendments have been made and information added to the report to address the issues raised. The amended report was provided to the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine who has advised that he considers the report is now final and that it can be publicly released.

The Director has determined a policy for the import of apples from New Zealand. The policy that applies has the following requirements:

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.daff.gov.au/ba/reviews/current-plant/non-regulated\\_analysis\\_apples\\_from\\_new\\_zealand/submissions\\_draft\\_report\\_0711](http://www.daff.gov.au/ba/reviews/current-plant/non-regulated_analysis_apples_from_new_zealand/submissions_draft_report_0711)

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The *Final report for the non-regulated analysis of existing policy for apples from New Zealand* is available at <http://www.daff.gov.au/ba>.



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