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Dear David

**DRAFT ANALYSIS OF EXISTING POLICY – LYCHEE FRUIT FROM TAIWAN AND VIETNAM**

I refer to Biosecurity Advice 2012/24 dated 22 November 2012 seeking comment on the draft report for the non-regulated analysis of existing policy for fresh lychee fruit from Taiwan and Vietnam.

The Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia (DAFWA) has reviewed the report and found that the invertebrate pest categorisation correctly identifies and acknowledges Western Australian regional quarantine pests. Furthermore, the pest categorisation for regional invertebrate quarantine pests adequately represents the pests in terms of presence on the pathway and the potential for establishment, spread and economic consequences.

Subsequent invertebrate pest risk assessments conducted for the regional quarantine pests black thread scale (*Ischnaspis longirostris*), rufous scale (*Selenaspidus articulatus*) and passionvine mealybug (*Planococcus minor*) appear to adequately assess the risk to affected Western Australia horticultural industries. DAFWA acknowledges that only passionvine mealybug (*Planococcus minor*) has an unrestricted risk necessitating the application of phytosanitary measures to reduce the risk to an acceptable level.

DAFWA agrees that visual inspection as a specific requirement in conjunction with standard general requirements would adequately address the unacceptable risk posed by passionvine mealybug associated with lychee fruit from Taiwan and Vietnam.

Comments relating to pathogens are attached.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments, if you have any queries please contact Plant Biosecurity Policy Officer Simone Tuten on (08) 9368 3434, 0467 720 344 or [simone.tuten@agric.wa.gov.au](mailto:simone.tuten@agric.wa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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