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To: David Heinrich

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Dear Mr. David Heinrich,

Thank you very much for your letter dated 22 November 2012 regarding the “Draft report for the non-regulated analysis of existing policy for fresh lychees fruit from Taiwan and Vietnam”. The Vietnamese Plant Protection Department (PPD) has been studied on this report and we would like to have some comments to submit to Plant Biosecurity Australia. The comments are attached.

I hope this comment will be considered by Plant Biosecurity and completion of final draft will allow export of lychees from Vietnam to Australia in the soonest.

Thank you very much. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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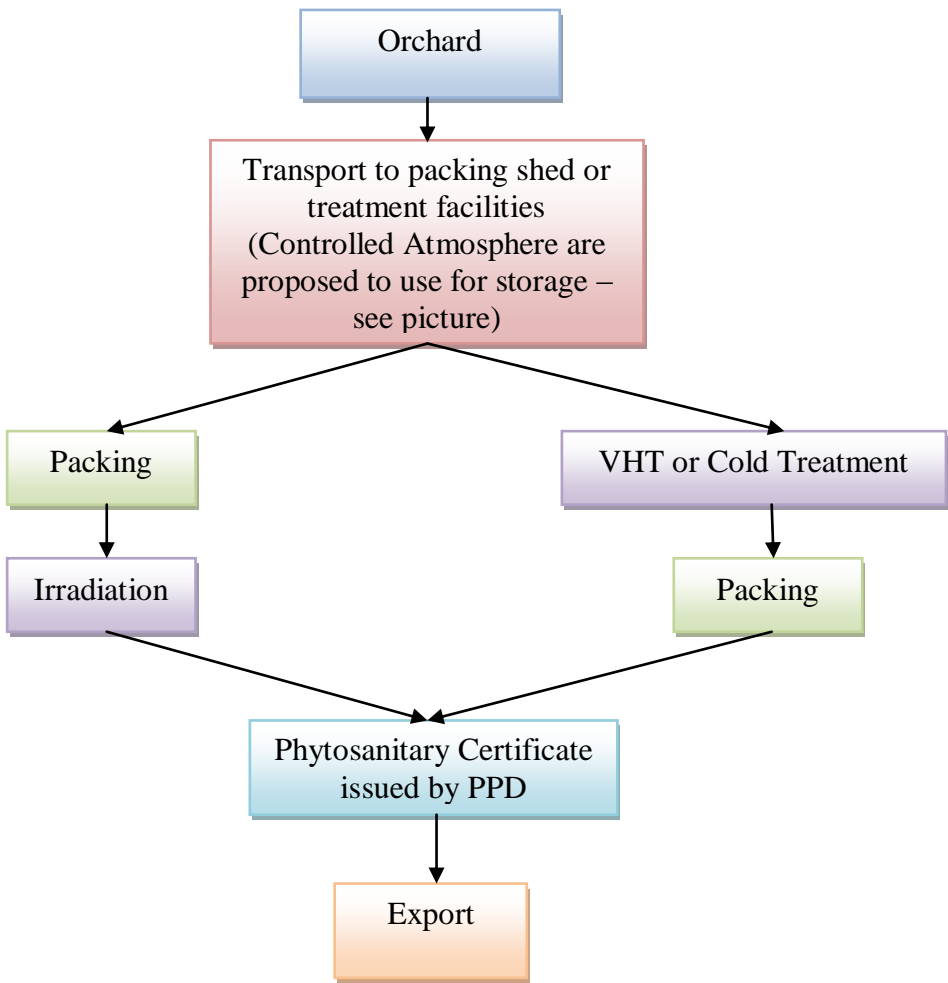
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Attachment

Comments on the “*Draft report for the non-regulated analysis of existing policy for fresh lychees fruit from Taiwan and Vietnam*”

1. Treatment facilities: Currently, there are only facilities located in the South, but there will be investment to develop treatment facilities in the North, both VHT and cold treatments have been proposed. PPD also received information from industry that they would like to use “control atmosphere” for storage. Therefore, we would like to add that information into the report. Quarantine inspection will be conducting for the whole process. For the consignment which comply with all require, and a phytosanitary certificate will be issued before exporting

Procedures (p. 44) would be summarized as the follows:



2. Regarding pests need to be managed (p. 48), we would like to discuss about *Selenaspidus articulatus* (West Indian scale), *Dysmicoccus lepelleyi* and *Adoxopyes orana* (summer fruit tortrix moth). We could not find any document about distribution of those pests in Vietnam.

3. For the final risk estimates in the table 4.2 (p.73): we would like to propose a change in accumulated risks from low to very low. The reasons are:

- Risk of Importation which should be reduce from **high to medium** because of volume export of Vietnam estimated much smaller than Taiwan (only one fifth), resulting risk of entry would be low.
- For likelihood of spread, mealybugs (Pseudococcidae) and armoured scales (Diaspididae) should be have same spread ability due to both pests cannot fly. In addition, species belong to Pseudococcidae are easily detach from fruits during sorting, washing and polishing. The risk is even lower than scales. Therefore it would be rate at **medium or lower**.
- Consequently, in accumulated results, the risk of mealybugs should be reduced from **low to very low**. Therefore, we do not need applying a management measure. Please, see the below table.

Pest name	Likelihood of						Consequencess							URE
	Entry			Establishment	Spread	P[EES]	Direct		Indirect				overall	
	Importation	Distribution	Overall				PLH	OE	EC	DT	IT	ENC		
Mealybugs														
<i>Dysmicoccus lepelleyi</i>	M (From H to M)	M	L	H	M (from H to M)	L	D	B	D	C	D	B	L	LOW
<i>Paracoccus interceptus</i>														
<i>Planococcus lilacinus</i>														
<i>Planococcus litchi</i>														
<i>Planococcus minor</i>														
<i>Pseudococcus crytus</i>														
<i>Pseudococcus jakbeardsley</i>														