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COMMENCEMENT OF A NON–REGULATED ANALYSIS OF EXISTING POLICY FOR THE IMPORTATION OF TABLE GRAPES FROM INDIA

This Biosecurity Australia Advice announces the formal commencement of a non-regulated analysis of existing policy to consider a proposal to import fresh table grapes from India.

Biosecurity Australia will prepare a draft report in due course, which will be circulated to stakeholders for comment.

The commencement of this analysis is in response to a request for market access for fresh table grapes from the Government of India.

A preliminary assessment of the pests potentially associated with table grapes from India indicates that these pests do not pose significantly different quarantine risks, or require significantly different management measures than those for which policy exists, namely for the pests associated with table grapes from the USA and Chile, and those management measures currently proposed for table grapes from the People's Republic of China.

In view of this, Biosecurity Australia has determined that the market access request for table grapes from India can be progressed as a non-regulated analysis of existing policy. Preparation of the draft report will take account of the risk analyses previously completed for the importation of table grapes from the above countries.

The next step is to prepare and release a draft report to enable all interested stakeholders to comment. A comment period of 60 days will apply.

Following the completion of the comment period, Biosecurity Australia will consider all comments and publish a final report.

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