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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2003/16

PERSIMMONS FROM JAPAN, KOREA AND ISRAEL

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) provides stakeholders with information regarding the cessation of the generic import risk analysis (IRA) for persimmons.

In PBPM 2002/15 of April 2002, stakeholders were advised of the commencement of a generic import risk analysis (IRA) for fresh persimmons with specific reference to Japan, Korea and Israel.

The existing conditions for persimmons cover importation from the USA (California, Texas and Arizona) and New Zealand. These conditions specify Phytosanitary certification for freedom from pests of quarantine concern, inspection of fruit, and methyl bromide treatment if necessary. Following a preliminary assessment, Biosecurity Australia considers that the potential quarantine pests associated with persimmons from Japan, Korea and Israel do not pose significantly different risks or require significantly different management measures than those for which policy already exists.

Biosecurity Australia has therefore determined to progress the access request as an extension of existing policy rather than proceed with an IRA.

A Draft import policy for persimmons from Japan, Korea and Israel will be developed and distributed to stakeholders for comment. The purpose will be to provide information on:

- background to the access request
- existing import conditions for persimmons
- pests and diseases of quarantine concern
- proposed import conditions for persimmons from Japan, Korea and Israel.

If you wish to suggest inclusion of an additional stakeholder in our distribution list, or if you wish to be removed from the distribution list, please provide details to Technical and Administrative Services at the address below.

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