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**PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2003/22**

**IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS –APPLES FROM NEW ZEALAND**

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum advises stakeholders of the outcomes of the twelfth and thirteenth meetings of the risk analysis panel for the Import Risk Analysis on the importation of fresh apples from New Zealand.

In our Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) 2003/11 of 28 April 2003, we advised you of the outcomes of the tenth and eleventh meetings of the risk analysis panel (RAP) for the Import Risk Analysis (IRA) on the importation of apples from New Zealand. That PBPM indicated that the next meeting of the RAP was scheduled for July 2003 and that the RAP would maintain contact through regular teleconferences.

The purpose of this PBPM is to inform you of the outcomes of two meetings that have been held since our last advice. Accordingly, the RAP's summaries of its twelfth and thirteenth meetings are at attachments 1 and 2 respectively for your information.

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

Information on all IRAs being conducted by Plant Biosecurity is available on the web at <http://www.affa.gov.au/plantbiosecurity>.

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## **Meeting summary RAP 12**

The risk analysis panel (RAP) for the New Zealand apple import risk analysis (IRA) held its twelfth meeting on 20 June by tele-conference.

The RAP discussed the recent appointment of Mr Tom Parnell to the position of Agricultural Counsellor within the Australian Embassy in Tokyo. Mr Parnell managed Biosecurity Australia's contribution to the IRA and provided the role of technical secretariat to the RAP. The RAP welcomed Mr David Heinrich, who has been selected to fill the position vacated by Mr Parnell.

The RAP was provided with a progress report on activities conducted by BA in relation to the revised draft IRA. BA also advised that issuance of the report from the panel in the WTO dispute between Japan and the USA had been delayed by several weeks.

The panel agreed to develop a revised stock-take of activities and tasks for consideration. This stock-take would provide a framework for determining the schedule of future face to face and tele-conference meetings of the panel.

NZ Apple RAP  
June 2003

### **Meeting summary RAP 13**

The risk analysis panel (RAP) for the New Zealand apple import risk analysis (IRA) held its thirteenth meeting on 21-22 July 2003.

The RAP was provided with a progress report on activities conducted by Biosecurity Australia (BA) in relation to the revised draft IRA.

BA also advised that the final report of the World Trade Organisation dispute between Japan and the USA was released on 15 July 2003. The RAP commenced a preliminary evaluation of the findings and conclusions of the report to determine which were relevant to the importation of apples from New Zealand.

The panel revised its future work program and tasks for the completion of the revised draft report. The next meetings of the RAP have been scheduled as follows:

- RAP meeting 14, to be held 26- 27 August 2003
- RAP meeting 15, to be held 16-17 September 2003

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