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Dear Stakeholder

**IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS - FRESH TABLE GRAPES
FROM CALIFORNIA, USA**

In our letter of 13 January 2000, the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) advised stakeholders of the release of the final import risk analysis (IRA) concerning table grapes from California, USA. A copy of the final IRA was provided to stakeholders at that time.

In the letter stakeholders were given the opportunity to appeal the decision to the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, by COB 14 February 2000. The Secretary has advised AQIS that he has received a number of appeals against the final IRA.

The AQIS Import Risk Analysis Process Handbook (section 4.6) outlines the composition of the Import Risk Analysis Appeal Panel, to consider appeals. The Panel is chaired by the Chairman of the Quarantine and Exports Advisory Council and comprises the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine, another member of the Quarantine and Export Advisory Council and the Chief Plant Protection Officer.

Stakeholders will be advised of the outcome of the appeals in due course.

Yours sincerely

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