

Dear

**NOTIFICATION LETTER FOR IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS ON
SWEETCORN SEED FOR SOWING FROM THE UNITED STATES**

I am writing to formally notify you that the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) is undertaking an import risk analysis (IRA) on the importation of sweetcorn seed (*Zea Mays* L.) for sowing from the United States, with particular reference to Idaho, for the purpose of field sowing in Australia.

AQIS will consider the proposal using the IRA process outlined in the 'AQIS Import Risk Analysis Process Handbook' which is currently being distributed to stakeholders. Stakeholders may now, if they wish, offer information and comment on the priority which they consider should be accorded by AQIS to the proposal.

Subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1988*, all submissions received with respect to an import proposal will be publicly available and may be listed or referred to in papers or reports prepared on the proposal. If a request for anonymity does not accompany a submission, the respondent will be taken to have consented to the disclosure of his or her identity for the purposes of the Privacy Act. The contents of a submission will not be treated as confidential unless they are marked 'confidential' and they are capable of being classified as such in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

AQIS will establish a public file, containing the non-confidential stakeholder comment and technical documentation, at the commencement of each IRA. These files will be held at AQIS headquarters in Canberra and will be available to stakeholders during business hours for perusal and copying. Contact information for making appointments to gain access to public files is listed under the relevant Quarantine Policy Branch on the inside front cover of the 'AQIS Import Risk Analysis Process Handbook'.

AQIS will be writing to you again in the near future to explain the proposed risk analysis process and to seek your views. I ask that peak industry groups who receive this letter keep their affiliates informed of this process.

If you wish to add a particular stakeholder to our distribution list for this IRA, please provide details to the Import Risk Analysis Secretariat at the following address:

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I look forward to your participation in the IRA process.

Yours sincerely

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