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Dear Stakeholder

**DRAFT IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS PAPER – SWEETCORN SEED FOR SOWING  
FROM IDAHO, USA**

AQIS has now conducted the Import Risk Analysis (IRA) on sweetcorn seed for sowing (*Zea Mays* L.) from Idaho, USA and the draft IRA paper is enclosed.

You are invited to comment on the technical issues raised in the draft IRA paper. AQIS will accept written submissions until the close of business 8 March 2000. Submissions should be sent to the following address:

Import Risk Analysis Secretariat  
Plant Quarantine Policy Branch  
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Subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1988*, all submissions received with respect to the review will be publicly available and be listed or referred to in papers or reports prepared in the review. 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*. The AQIS import risk analysis process, as documented in the *AQIS Import Risk Analysis Process Handbook*, does not provide for extensions to the formal consultation stages.

If there is sufficient stakeholder interest AQIS will hold a public meeting in Canberra on 10 March 2000 to discuss stakeholder comments received during the formal consultation process and any other stakeholder concerns. Should you wish to attend a stakeholder meeting please contact the IRA Secretariat to register your interest. Stakeholders will be advised of the venue and arrangements prior to the meeting.

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 the Import Risk Analysis Secretariat at the above address.

Information on all IRAs being conducted by the Plant Quarantine Policy Branch is available on the AQIS Homepage at <http://www.aqis.gov.au/docs/plpolicy/plhome1.htm>

I look forward to receiving your comments on the draft Import Risk Analysis paper.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure: Draft Import Risk Analysis paper on sweetcorn seed for sowing from Idaho, USA