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Dear Stakeholder

I am writing to formally notify you that the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) has received an application to consider the importation of maize from the USA.

The applicant has requested that AQIS assess the application with an emphasis on significant quarantine risks being handled off-shore and the grain being delivered to Australia for processing and use as animal feed in rural areas.

The application will be considered by AQIS using the risk analysis process outlined in the Government's response to the report of the recent review of Australian quarantine chaired by Professor Malcolm Nairn.

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.

Yours sincerely

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