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PLANT QUARANTINE POLICY MEMORANDUM 2000/07

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE FINAL IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS PAPER - FRESH DURIAN FRUIT FROM THAILAND

This Plant Quarantine Policy Memorandum (PQPM) provides stakeholders with a supplementary paper to the final Import Risk Analysis (IRA) for fresh durian fruit from Thailand.

The supplement was prepared in response to the recommendation made by the Import Risk Analysis Appeal Panel (IRAAP) which considered 45 appeals made against the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) determination to allow the importation of fresh durian fruit from Thailand.

The IRAAP found no evidence that any relevant technical or scientific information had been ignored and concluded that AQIS had handled the process consistent with Government policy, in harmony with international standards and had met the consultation process requirements of the *AQIS Import Risk Analysis Process Handbook*.

The IRAAP reported that certain aspects of the IRA appear not to have been conducted in a fully transparent manner. The IRAAP considered that the basis on which decisions or judgements had been taken should be fully documented to ensure that all stakeholders were fully informed. In particular, in the following four issues the IRAAP indicated that insufficient information was supplied to draw the reader to the same conclusion as that in the IRA:

1. the economic and environmental impact analyses in the event of an incursion;
2. the adoption of the systems approach with integrated pest management as the basis for reducing the risk of infestation in harvested fruit;
3. consideration of variation in strains of *Phytophthora palmivora* species; and
4. the treatment/disinfestation of fruit proposal.

AQIS officers will be available to discuss this supplement with stakeholders at the following venues commencing at 7.30 pm:

15 June – Hort Research Institute, QDPI
South Johnstone
North Queensland

16 June – John England Building
Berrimah Agricultural Research Farm
Darwin
Northern Territory

Yours sincerely

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