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FINAL POLICY REVIEW: ALTERNATIVE RISK MANAGEMENT MEASURES TO IMPORT LILIUM SPP. CUT FLOWERS FROM TAIWAN

This Biosecurity Advice notifies stakeholders of the release of the Final policy review: Alternative risk management measures to import Lilium spp. cut flowers from Taiwan.

The draft policy review was released for comment on 5 November 2012. Twelve submissions were received on the draft policy review document.

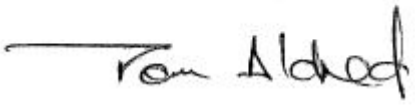
The final policy review considers the risks associated with importing Lilium spp. cut flower stems without bulbils from Taiwan.

The final policy review identifies several pests of potential quarantine concern to Australia associated with lily cut flowers in Taiwan which require phytosanitary measures. An additional pest, though present in parts of Australia, was assessed as a pest for Western Australia.

The following risk management measures and operational procedures are recommended to achieve Australia's appropriate level of protection (ALOP):

- flowers must be non-propagable (free from bulbils)
- either a systems approach to control insect pests administered by Taiwan's plant protection organisation, or methyl bromide fumigation
- pre-export phytosanitary inspection of lily cut flowers, and certification from Taiwan's plant protection organisation that the consignment is free of quarantine pests and stem bulbils
- on-arrival inspection to verify that quarantine pests, or any other regulated articles, are identified, if present, and subjected to remedial action
- clearance by Biosecurity officers

The biosecurity measures contained within the final policy review, or their equivalent, may be taken into account in allowing lily (Lilium spp.) cut flowers to be imported from Taiwan. Import conditions will be available shortly in the import conditions database (ICON).



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