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BIOSECURITY ADVICE 2014/04

**DRAFT RISK ANALYSIS REPORT FOR THE RELEASE OF *CYDIA SUCCEDANA* FOR
THE BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF GORSE (*ULEX EUROPAEUS*)**

This Biosecurity Advice notifies stakeholders of the release of a draft risk analysis report to consider a proposal for the release of the tortricid moth *Cydia succedana* for the biological control of gorse (*Ulex europaeus*). The draft report is being issued for 30 days consultation. Written comments and submissions are invited by 31 March 2014.

The Department of Agriculture has released a draft risk analysis report assessing an application from the Department of Primary Industries, Victoria to release the tortricid moth *Cydia succedana* for the biological control of gorse (*Ulex europaeus*). In support of this application, DPI Victoria has provided a submission detailing results of host specificity testing, along with other relevant information. This submission is included as an attachment to the draft report.

A preliminary draft of this report was distributed to state and territory departments of primary industry and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) through the Plant Health Committee (PHC). Comments received via this consultation process were incorporated into the draft risk analysis report.

The Department of Primary Industries, Victoria submitted an application for the release of the moth *Cydia succedana* in June 2012.

The Department of the Environment also has an approval process under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999*. Under Section 303EE (4) of the *EPBC Act*, risk analysis reports prepared by the Department of Agriculture may be used by the Environment Minister in making a determination to include the item on the List of specimens suitable for live import (the live import list). The Department of Agriculture has consulted with the Department of the Environment prior to the release of the draft report and Environment agrees with the recommendations of the report.

The draft report proposes that the biological control agent should not be released. The draft report has identified significant off-target effects and potential consequences that could be associated with the release of *Cydia succedana*. The risk is estimated to be low, which does not meet Australia's appropriate level of protection (ALOP). The level of risk is considered to be too high to recommend release of this organism.

The draft report, attachment and information about the risk analysis process are available at www.daff.gov.au/ba. Printed copies can be provided, if required.

In accordance with the IRA handbook 2011, this risk analysis has been undertaken as a non-regulated analysis of existing policy. Stakeholders will have up to 30 days to submit written comments on the draft report. Comments must be submitted by 31 March 2014 to:

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The Commonwealth of Australia reserves the right to reveal the identity of a respondent unless a request for anonymity accompanies the submission. Where a request for anonymity does not accompany the submission, the respondent will be taken to have consented to the disclosure of their identity for the purposes of Information Privacy Principle 11 of the Privacy Act 1988.

The contents of the submission will only be treated as confidential if they are marked 'confidential' and can be classified as such in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

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