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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2004/05

PRAWN AND PRAWN PRODUCTS IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS

IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS TEAM MEMBERSHIP

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) advises stakeholders that Dr Brian Jones has been appointed as a member of the import risk analysis (IRA) team for non-viable prawns and prawn products IRA.

In ABPM 2003/16 of 30 June 2003, Biosecurity Australia advised stakeholders of the resignation of Dr Richard Callinan from the non-viable prawn and prawn products IRA team (previously known as a risk analysis panel). The ABPM advised that the IRA team considered that a replacement for Dr Callinan was necessary and sought suggestions of, and expressions of interest from, suitably qualified individuals.

Nine nominations were received from three stakeholders. Biosecurity Australia and the remaining members of the IRA team considered these nominations and others known to them. Dr Brian Jones, Principal Senior Fish Pathologist of Fisheries Western Australia, was considered the most appropriate replacement.

Dr Jones has considerable experience in aquatic animal, including crustacean, health both in Australia and overseas. His recent work includes a health survey of commercial prawn stocks in Western Australia and a project addressing disease prevention methods among smallholder prawn farms in Australia, Indonesia and Thailand. Dr Jones has a sound understanding of the issues of relevance to IRAs and is highly regarded in the aquatic animal health profession in Australia. He was a member of the National Taskforce on Imported Fish and Fish Products and assisted as a reviewer for the accelerated IRAs of salmon, marine finfish and ornamental finfish in 1999. Dr Jones has accepted our invitation to serve on the panel.

The new IRA team is:

Dr David Banks – Chair (Biosecurity Australia);
Dr Peter Beers (Biosecurity Australia);
Dr Leigh Owens (James Cook University);
Mr Glenn Hurry (Fisheries and Aquaculture Branch, Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry); and
Dr Brian Jones (Fisheries WA).

The panel last met in March 2003 to progress the revised draft IRA report. Following that meeting Biosecurity Australia, with the assistance of the remaining team members, has continued to work on the revised draft IRA report. The next IRA team meeting will be held shortly.

Please pass this notice to other interested parties. If those parties wish to be included in future communications on this matter they should get in touch with the contact officer (details below).

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