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BIOSECURITY ADVICE 2014/02

DRAFT IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS REPORT FOR FRESH SALACCA (SNAKE FRUIT) FROM INDONESIA

This Biosecurity Advice notifies stakeholders of the release of the *Draft import risk analysis report for fresh salacca (snake fruit) from Indonesia*.

The draft report proposes that salacca produced under Indonesia's existing commercial production practices together with a system of operational procedures, meets Australian biosecurity requirements.

This draft report is being issued for 60 days consultation. Written comments and submissions are invited by 6 April 2014.

Biosecurity Advice 2012/28, of 21 December 2012, announced the formal commencement of an import risk analysis (IRA) to consider a proposal to import fresh salacca (snake fruit) from Indonesia.

This Biosecurity Advice notifies stakeholders of the release of the *Draft import risk analysis report for fresh salacca (snake fruit) from Indonesia*. Stakeholders have until 6 April 2014 to provide written comments on the draft report.

The draft report identifies four pests of potential quarantine concern to Australia associated with the trade of fresh salacca fruit from Indonesia. These are mealybugs from three genera (*Dysmicoccus* sp., *Planococcus* sp., *Pseudococcus* sp.) and one fungus (*Marasmius palmivorus*).

Pest risk assessments were conducted for the four pests and the assessments conclude that the overall risk does not exceed Australia's appropriate level of protection.

The draft report proposes Indonesia's existing commercial production practices for the production of fresh salacca fruit for export, combined with a system of operational procedures to ensure quarantine standards are met, will provide an appropriate level of protection to address any risks of exotic pests or diseases entering Australia.

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

Comments on the draft report must be submitted by 6 April 2014 to:

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Confidentiality

Stakeholders are advised that, subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1988*, all submissions received in response to Biosecurity Advices will be publicly available and may be listed or referred to in any papers or reports prepared on the subject matter.

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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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