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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF A REVIEW OF BIOSECURITY IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF FRESH OKRA FRUIT FOR CONSUMPTION FROM INDIA

This Biosecurity Advice notifies stakeholders of the formal commencement of [a review of biosecurity requirements for fresh okra fruit for consumption from India](#).

We expect to release the draft report for public consultation by the end of 2021.

The commencement of this risk analysis is in response to a market access request for fresh okra fruit from India.

A preliminary assessment of the pests associated with okra from India has identified that the potential pests of biosecurity concern are the same as, or similar to, pests that have been assessed previously by Australia on other horticultural commodities, and do not pose different biosecurity risks. These pests include fruit flies, tetranychid mites and some moths.

Given the similar pests of concern, and that there are appropriate risk management measures already established for these pests or pest groups, the risk analysis for okra fruit from India will be progressed as a review of biosecurity import requirements, consistent with the [Biosecurity Import Risk Analysis Guidelines 2016](#).

Further information on this risk analysis can be found in the [Announcement Information Paper](#).

We expect to release a draft report for public consultation by the end of 2021, and will issue another Biosecurity Advice to invite comment at that time. We will consider all stakeholder comments received during the consultation period in preparing the final report.

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