# Biosecurity Import Risk Analysis (BIRA)

A BIRA can be undertaken when:

• it is deemed appropriate by the Director of Biosecurity or the Minister of Agriculture, or

• relevant risk management measures have not been established, or

• relevant risk management measures exist for a similar good and pest or disease combination, but the likelihood and/or consequences of entry, establishment or spread of pests or diseases could differ significantly from those previously assessed.

The BIRA process is as follows:

1. Import market access request is received.

2. Announcement of the BIRA is made. Stakeholders are notified.

3. An issues paper is published. Stakeholders are notified.

4. A draft report is prepared.

5. The draft report is published. Stakeholders are notified. Public consultation period is open for 60 calendar days.

6. All comments are considered

7. A provisional report is prepared.

8. The provisional report is published. Stakeholders are notified.

a. Stakeholders can request the Inspector General of Biosecurity (IGB) to review the BIRA process.

b. If the IGB accepts, they will notify and undertake a review of the BIRA process.

c. The IGB will produce a report and this will be considered in the preparation of the final report.

9. A final report is prepared.

10. The final report is published. Stakeholders are notified.

11. Import conditions are published on the Biosecurity Import Conditions system (BICON). Stakeholders are notified.

12. Trade can commence (may include import permit).

Note:

• If required, in-country visit/s is conducted between steps 2 and 10.

• The BIRA process will take approximately 30 months but may be extended if time is stopped to allow for input and review of information.

• A scientific advisory group is appointed and consulted as needed throughout the BIRA process.