Submission from Cotton Australia – Okra from India draft risk analysis

I have consulted with the Cotton Biosecurity Reference Group. The group expressed they did not see okra import as a high risk as the likely pests listed are already found within Australia. The group wanted to highlight that even though the pests listed are found in Australia, it is important that treatment at border of any pests is upheld as pests may be carrying insecticide resistance that could then impact Australian populations and our ability to manage the pest in crop.

The group had one small question – the documents mentions inspection of 600 okra. Is this 600 okra within every shipment that is inspected?



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