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Dear Ms Collins

Thank you for the Biosecurity Advice 2022-P11 dated 9 December 2022 regarding the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's (DAFF) request for submissions on the '*Dragon fruit from Philippines: Biosecurity import requirements draft report*' (the draft report).

The Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) has reviewed the draft report and notes that the importation of fresh dragon fruit for human consumption from commercial production areas in the Philippines, will be permitted subject to specific quarantine measures. We note that DAFF has existing import policies for fresh dragon fruit from Vietnam and Indonesia, including other fresh fruits (e.g. mangoes, lychees, melon etc.). The proposed risk mitigation measures are consistent with these existing import policies and include sourcing dragon fruit from pest free areas, fruit treatment and visual inspection.

DAF notes the proposed measures and recognises that they reduce the biosecurity risk to meet Australia's appropriate level of protection.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft report. DAF would appreciate being involved in any further review processes leading to the finalisation of this report, and being kept informed of any future biosecurity concerns.

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Yours sincerely

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