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SUBMISSION TO THE 'DRAGON FRUIT FROM THE PHILIPPINES: BIOSECURITY IMPORT REQUIREMENTS DRAFT REPORT'

Dear Peter,

I refer to Biosecurity Advice Biosecurity Advice 2022-P11 dated 9 December 2022, inviting comment on the *Dragon fruit from the Philippines: Biosecurity import requirements draft report*.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) has considered the draft report and acknowledges the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) has addressed earlier comments provided to the draft pest categorisation. DPIRD supports the findings of the draft report in respect to the categorisation and risk assessment of the invertebrate pests and pathogens potentially associated with dragon fruit from the Philippines.

Western Australia continues to take a strong interest in all import risk analyses and any related documents and decisions made by DAFF.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the matter further, please contact Nichole Hammond on (08) 9368 3967 or Nichole.Hammond@dpird.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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