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Dear Monica,

I refer to Biosecurity Advice 2023- P10 dated 15 November 2023 inviting comment on the *Draft report for a review of pest risk assessments for spider mites (Acari: Trombidiformes: Tetranychidae)*.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) has considered the review and welcomes the standardisation of biosecurity risk ratings applied to spider mite species with similar biological characteristics. DPIRD notes that comments made previously on the 21 pest risk assessments used to inform this review have been addressed.

DPIRD will support the findings of the review pending resolution of the comments in the attached document.

DPIRD notes the proposed measures and recognises that they reduce the biosecurity risk to meet Australia's appropriate level of protection. 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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ATT1 – WA Submission – Draft report - Review of spider mites
ATT2 – Draft report – DPIRD Submission form – Spider mites

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