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## **PLANT QUARANTINE POLICY MEMORANDUM      2000/09**

### **IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS - ORNAMENTAL BULBS FROM THE NETHERLANDS, UNITED KINGDOM, ISRAEL AND NEW ZEALAND**

This Plant Quarantine Policy Memorandum (PQPM) provides stakeholders with information regarding the Import Risk Analysis (IRA) on the importation of ornamental bulbs from the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Israel and New Zealand.

In PQPM 2000/06 of 9 May 2000, AQIS advised stakeholders that the IRA on the importation of ornamental bulbs from the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Israel and New Zealand is being progressed and that Dr Adrian Harris has been appointed as the new Chair of the Risk Analysis Panel (RAP). AQIS also advised that the RAP would soon set new timeframes for completion and release of the draft IRA.

The RAP met on 5-6 June and was satisfied with the progress of the preliminary draft IRA. AQIS now wishes to advise that the draft IRA is expected to be released to stakeholders in August for comment. Stakeholders will then have 60 days to provide written submissions to AQIS on the technical issues raised in the draft.

AQIS proposes that the RAP will hold a public meeting with stakeholders to discuss issues arising from the draft IRA paper. The meeting is proposed for late September in Melbourne near Tullamarine Airport for the convenience of interstate visitors.

AQIS also proposes that the RAP will hold another meeting at the end of October (after the stakeholder consultation period on the draft IRA) in Sydney with key industry representatives to discuss issues arising from the stakeholder consultation and possible changes to the IRA document. AQIS will provide further details of these two meetings in our next PQPM which should accompany the draft IRA document, and will then seek industry nominations for the Sydney meeting.

If you wish to suggest inclusion of an additional stakeholder in our distribution list for this IRA, or if you wish to be removed from the distribution list, please provide details to the Import Risk Analysis Secretariat at the following address:

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Information on all IRAs being conducted by the Plant Quarantine Policy Branch is available on the AQIS Homepage at <http://www.aqis.gov.au/docs/plpolicy/plhome1.htm>

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