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PLANT QUARANTINE POLICY MEMORANDUM 2000/15

REVISED DRAFT IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS -MAIZE FROM THE USA

This Plant Quarantine Policy Memorandum (PQPM) provides stakeholders with a copy of the revised draft IRA on bulk maize (*Zea mays* L.) from the USA

On 19 March 1999, AQIS released for comment, the draft Import Risk Analysis (IRA) on bulk maize (*Z. mays* L.) from the USA. As significant additional information was provided by stakeholders in response to the draft IRA paper, AQIS is releasing the attached revised draft, in advance of releasing the final IRA.

To ensure that the issues you raised have been addressed, you are invited to examine the revised draft IRA paper. AQIS will accept written submissions until the close of business Monday 2 October 2000. Submissions should be sent to the following address:

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Subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1988*, all submissions received with respect to the review will be publicly available and listed or referred to in papers or reports prepared in the review. If a request for anonymity does not accompany a submission, the respondent will be taken to have consented to the disclosure of his or her identity for the purposes of the *Privacy Act*. The contents of a submission will not be treated as confidential unless they are marked 'confidential' and they are capable of being classified as such in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act*.

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 whose details appear below.

Information on all IRAs the Plant Quarantine Policy Branch is currently conducting is available on the AQIS Homepage at http://www.aqis.gov.au/docs/plpolicy/plhome1.htm

I look forward to receiving your comments on the revised draft Import Risk Analysis.

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