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**PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2000/18**

**IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS - FRESH APPLES FROM NEW  
ZEALAND**

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) provides stakeholders with the copy of the draft Import Risk Analysis (IRA) paper on the importation of fresh apples from New Zealand for comment.

AFFA has now conducted the IRA on the importation of fresh apples from New Zealand and the draft IRA paper is enclosed.

You are invited to comment on the technical issues raised in the draft IRA paper. AFFA will accept written submissions until the close of business 11 December 2000. Written submissions should be sent to the following address:

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Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry - Australia  
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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 be 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*. The import risk analysis process, as documented in the *AQIS Import Risk Analysis Process Handbook*, does not provide for extensions to the formal consultation stages.

Due to the high level of interest in this IRA, AFFA will hold a series of stakeholder meetings to explain the findings in the IRA. These meetings will be held in the major

pome fruit production areas in each state over the coming weeks. The schedule of meetings will be forwarded to all stakeholders once it is finalised.

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 above address.

Information on all IRAs being conducted by Plant Biosecurity is available on the web at [http://www.affa.gov.au/docs/market\\_access/biosecurity/plhome1.html](http://www.affa.gov.au/docs/market_access/biosecurity/plhome1.html)

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

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Encl: Draft Import Risk Analysis paper on importation of fresh apples from New Zealand.  
Plain English overview of the draft IRA paper  
Fact sheet