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## **ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/40**

### **IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS: HONEYBEE SEMEN**

#### **RELEASE OF TECHNICAL ISSUES PAPER**

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) provides stakeholders with the Technical Issues Paper (Attachment A) for the Import Risk Analysis (IRA) of honeybee semen, for consideration and comment. Comments would be appreciated by 25 October 2002.

The Technical Issues Paper is being released for public consultation as part of the IRA of honeybee semen.

The IRA commenced in June (ABPM 2002/29) and details were provided on the scope, indicative timetable and the use of an in-house team in July 2002 (ABPM 2002/36). No appeals were received on this step in the process.

Biosecurity Australia is currently reviewing the IRA process and expects to finalise the review by the end of 2002. A draft framework document was circulated in September 2001 (ABPM 2001/26). There has been general acceptance of several proposed changes, including the release of a Technical Issues Paper for all IRAs. On this basis we have prepared such a paper for this IRA.

The attached Technical Issues Paper is intended to promote discussion and comment on the main pest and disease risk issues. The paper identifies 7 disease agents as potential hazards to be considered further in the IRA. It does not discuss risk management issues, as this will be addressed in a later consultation step, the draft IRA paper. Biosecurity Australia will take into account stakeholder comments on the Technical Issues Paper as it develops the draft IRA report.

#### **Next Steps**

I would appreciate receiving your comments, supported by scientific references, if available, by 25 October 2002. Biosecurity Australia will consider all technical comments received.

Please pass this notice to other interested parties. If those parties wish to be included in future communications on this matter they should get in touch with the contact officer (details below).

#### **Confidentiality**

Respondents are advised that, subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982 and the Privacy Act 1988, all submissions received in response to Animal Biosecurity Policy Memoranda will be publicly available. Comments may be listed or referred to in any papers or reports prepared on the subject matter of the Memoranda.

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