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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/01

IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS – APPLES FROM NEW ZEALAND

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) informs stakeholders of the full membership of the Risk Analysis Panel (RAP) for the Import Risk Analysis (IRA) for apples from New Zealand.

PBPM 2001/22 of 8 October 2001 notified stakeholders of the proposed membership of the RAP. Stakeholders were given the opportunity to appeal the membership of the RAP to the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry – Australia (AFFA), Mr Geoff Gorrie.

The Deputy Secretary has advised the 14 appellants of the outcome of his consideration of their appeals. He found that a reasonable case was made that the proposed RAP 'may not include a sufficient level of expertise in the area of industry processes and trading patterns'. Mr Gorrie asked Biosecurity Australia to address this outstanding matter.

As a result of the Deputy Secretary's decision, Biosecurity Australia has included Mr Ian Armour as a member of the RAP. Mr Armour has extensive apple production and marketing experience as well as being involved in various advisory committees relating to horticultural research and development. A copy of Mr Armour's curriculum vitae is attached.

The final panel membership is:

Dr Bill Roberts (Chair)	Chief Plant Protection Officer Office of the Chief Plant Protection Officer – AFFA
Mr David Cartwright	Manager, Plant Health Primary Industries and Resources, South Australia
Dr Kent Williams	Principal Research Scientist CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems
Mr Mike Kinsella	Principal Kinsella Consulting
Mr Bill Hatton	Owner/Manager Sub-tropical fruit property – NSW Northern Rivers region
Dr Brian Stynes	General Manager Plant Biosecurity, Biosecurity Australia – AFFA
Mr Ian Armour	Owner/Manager Apple orcharding business – east of Melbourne

The first meeting of the RAP is scheduled for Thursday 17 January 2002.

If you wish to suggest inclusion of an additional stakeholder on our distribution list for this IRA, or if you wish to be removed from the distribution list, please provide details to Technical and Administrative Services at the address below. Alternatively, information on all IRAs being conducted by Plant Biosecurity Policy is available on the web at http://www.affa.gov.au/plantcra

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