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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/10

IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS - SWEETCORN SEED FOR SOWING FROM IDAHO, USA

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) is to provide you with a copy of the final Import Risk Analysis (IRA) paper on the importation of sweetcorn seed for sowing from Idaho, USA

In response to an import access proposal from the Australian Industry, Biosecurity Australia (BA) has conducted an import risk analysis (IRA) on a proposal to import sweetcorn (*Zea mays* L.) seed for sowing from Idaho, USA to Australia.

On the basis of the risk analysis the Executive Manager of Market Access and Biosecurity has determined that, consistent with Australia's quarantine policy, the importation of sweetcorn seed for sowing from Idaho, USA will be permitted subject to the application of phytosanitary requirements as specified in Section 9 of the final IRA paper.

I enclose for your information a copy of the final IRA, which incorporates the Executive Manager's determination. The final IRA will also be available on the AFFA web site at <http://www.affa.gov.au/plantbiosecurity>, then click on 'Finalised Plant IRAs'.

Biosecurity Australia has followed the process as outlined in the *Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) Import Risk Analysis Process Handbook*. Any stakeholder of the opinion that the process as outlined in the handbook has not been properly followed for this IRA may appeal the decision. Appeals should be sent by close of business 3 May 2002 to the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine, who is the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, at the following address:

The Secretary
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - Australia
GPO Box 858
CANBERRA ACT 2601

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Should you require additional information, please contact Technical and Administrative Services on phone (02) 6272 5094, fax (02) 6272 3307 or email plantbiosec@affa.gov.au

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