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## PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/33

### REVIEW OF IMPORT CONDITIONS FOR LENTIL SEED FOR SOWING AND HUMAN CONSUMPTION

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) is to advise you that officers from Plant Biosecurity and the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service will meet with key industry groups concerning a review of the import conditions of lentils (*Lens* spp) for both human consumption and seed for sowing.

Representatives from Biosecurity Australia and the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service will meet with lentil industry groups in Canberra on 7 August 2002 at 10:00 am in the Edmund Barton Building to discuss the proposed new import conditions for lentils for both human consumption and seed for sowing.

Currently there are no restrictions on the importation of lentil seed imported into Australia either for human consumption or as seed for sowing. However, following two reviews conducted by Biosecurity Australia ("Review of tolerances for restricted seeds as contaminants of permitted seeds" and a "Review of permitted seed imports") and a Victorian Institute of Dry Land Agriculture report on "Draft proposed post-entry quarantine protocols for temperate pulses" there is a need to review the conditions for the importation of lentils.

Stakeholders will be advised of the outcome of the meeting with industry representatives in due course. Any stakeholder who has any concerns or comments can contact the meeting coordinator Dr Vani Srungaram on 6271 6369 or send their comments to

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