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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/35

POLICY REVIEW – FRESH PAPAYA FROM FIJI

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) provides stakeholders with information on public meetings to be held with stakeholders regarding the policy review on the importation of fresh papaya from Fiji.

Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) 2002/27 of 21 June 2002 advised stakeholders that the market access request for papaya from Fiji would be assessed under existing policy.

Papaya was exported to Australia from Fiji until 1995, using ethylene dibromide (EDB) treatment for control of fruit flies. Access for papaya from Fiji only ceased as a result of the withdrawal of EDB and the absence of an alternative treatment for the control of fruit flies at the time.

Biosecurity Australia will hold two workshops with stakeholders to discuss this review of existing policy prior to releasing a *draft review of quarantine requirements for the import of Fijian papaya to Australia*. The workshops will address any questions on:

- WTO and Sanitary and Phytosanitary rights and obligations, including use of relevant IPPC standards;
- the background on the Fijian import request;
- the Fijian papaya industry; and
- proposed import conditions for Fijian papaya.

The workshops will be held as follows:

Tuesday 20 August 2002
Time: 7.30 pm
Mitchell Conference Room
Centre for Tropical Agriculture
28 Peters St
MAREEBA QLD

Wednesday 21 August 2002
Time: 7.30 pm
Centre for Wet Tropics Agriculture
South Johnstone Rd
SOUTH JOHNSTONE QLD

Please contact the Technical and Administrative Services Section of Plant Biosecurity by close of business on Friday 16 August 2002 if you plan on attending either workshop. Technical and Administrative Services can also assist if you wish to be removed from or suggest inclusion of an additional stakeholder in our distribution list.

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