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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2003/23

**IMPORT POLICY FOR ASIAN ('SHANDONG') PEARS FROM SHANDONG PROVINCE,
CHINA**

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum is to notify stakeholders of the adoption of the policy to import Asian ('Shandong') pears from Shandong Province under an extension of existing policy for Ya pears from Hebei and Shandong Provinces in China.

Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum 2003/14 of 6 June 2003, notified stakeholders of the release of draft import policy for Asian ('Shandong') pears from Shandong Province, China. Stakeholders were invited to comment on the paper.

Plant Biosecurity received comments from three stakeholders and has responded to the comments. The policy to allow Asian pears (*Pyrus pyrifolia* (Burm.) Nakai) and *P. ussuriensis* var. *viridi* T. Lee from Shandong Province will now be adopted under existing policy for the import of Ya Pear (*Pyrus bretschneideri* Redh.) from Hebei and Shandong Provinces, China.

Application of the policy will now proceed and Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) will, in due course, revise the import conditions on the AQIS import conditions database (ICON) (www.aqis.gov.au/icon) to include Asian pears from Shandong Province.

If you have further queries, please contact Technical and Administrative Services.

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