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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2003/29

**ADOPTION OF MODIFIED POLICY FOR IMPORTATION OF FRESH PINEAPPLE
FRUIT TO AUSTRALIA USING ON-SHORE METHYL BROMIDE FUMIGATION**

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum is to notify stakeholders that the modified policy to allow on-shore mandatory methyl bromide fumigation of fresh pineapples is effective from 20 October 2003. All other conditions as per the pineapple Import Risk Analysis (IRA) will continue to apply.

Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum of 2003/18 of 30 June 2003 advised stakeholders of the proposed modified policy to allow on-shore mandatory methyl bromide fumigation of fresh pineapples, with a 30-day comment period.

All technical comments from stakeholders in relation to the proposal for on-shore fumigation have been considered. The quarantine security arrangements for on-shore fumigation were discussed with stakeholders who responded to PBPM 2003/18.

The modified policy for on-shore fumigation of pineapples will be effective from 20 October 2003. It is a requirement that fumigation must be carried out according to AQIS standards and will only be done in AQIS approved fumigation facilities, under AQIS supervision. All other conditions as per the pineapple Import Risk Analysis (IRA) will continue to apply.

Information on all IRAs and policy reviews being conducted by Plant Biosecurity is available on the web at www.affa.gov.au/plantbiosecurity.

The IRA Handbook 2003 is also available from the website at www.affa.gov.au/irahandbook. The handbook outlines the administrative process that Biosecurity Australia follows for IRAs.

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