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DRAFT IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS REPORT FOR STONE FRUIT FROM THE USA

This Biosecurity Australia Advice notifies stakeholders of the release of the *Draft import risk analysis report for stone fruit from California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington (USA)*.

The draft report identifies a number of pests that require quarantine measures, including apple maggot, fruit boring moths, leafrollers, mealybugs and thrips.

Depending on the particular pests of concern, the proposed quarantine measures may include irradiation, fumigation with methyl bromide, cold treatment, establishment of pest free areas and/or visual inspection. The draft report invites further information to support the efficacy of particular measures proposed for apple maggot and peach twig borer pests.

This draft report is being issued for 60 days consultation. Comments and submissions are invited by 27 June 2008.

Biosecurity Australia Advice 2008/04, of 13 March 2008, announced the formal commencement of a standard, regulated import risk analysis (IRA) to consider a proposal to import stone fruit (peaches, nectarines, plums and apricots) from the USA (California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington). The transition of this risk analysis into the new regulated IRA process recognised work already completed under the previous process, including pest categorisation, draft pest risk assessments and potential mitigation measures.

This Biosecurity Australia Advice notifies stakeholders of the release of the *Draft import risk analysis report for stone fruit from California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington*. Stakeholders are invited to provide comments and submissions on the report by 27 June 2008.

The draft IRA report identifies a number of quarantine pests that require quarantine measures to manage risks to a very low level in order to achieve Australia's appropriate level of protection.

The proposed quarantine measures for leafrollers, mealybugs and thrips are visual inspection and, if these pests are detected, fumigation with methyl bromide.

For oriental fruit moth, a quarantine pest of particular concern for Western Australia, and two closely related fruit boring moths, cherry fruitworm and lesser apple fruitworm, proposed quarantine measures include pest free areas or methyl bromide fumigation of consignments.

Potential quarantine measures identified for apple maggot and peach twig borer include irradiation, fumigation with methyl bromide, cold treatment and establishment of pest free areas. Further information will be required to support the proposed measures to manage these two pests.

The draft report and information about the regulated IRA process are available from the Biosecurity Australia website, www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au. Printed copies are available, if required.

Comments on the draft IRA report should be submitted by 27 June 2008 to:

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