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BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA ADVICE 2008/18 PROVISIONAL FINAL IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS REPORT FOR FRESH MANGO FRUIT FROM INDIA

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The report takes account of submissions and comments by stakeholders on a draft report issued in 2004. The report is open for appeal to an independent panel until 27 June 2008.

Biosecurity Australia Advice 2008/09 of 19 March 2008 announced the formal commencement of a standard, regulated import risk analysis (IRA) to consider a proposal to import fresh mango fruit from India. The transition of this risk analysis into the new regulated IRA process recognises the work already completed under the previous process. A draft report was issued for consultation on 2 July 2004.

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Three pests, mango seed weevil and two mealybug species, which are present in eastern Australia, have been identified as quarantine pests for the state of Western Australia only. The recommended quarantine measures take account of these regional differences for Western Australia.

Australia has existing quarantine policy that allows the importation of mangoes from Haiti, Mexico, the Philippines (Guimaras Island) and Taiwan, subject to specific quarantine conditions. In addition, Australia also exports irradiated mangoes to New Zealand.

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The 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.

Stakeholders who believe there was a significant deviation from the IRA process set out in the *Import Risk Analysis Handbook 2007* that adversely affected their interests may appeal to the Import Risk Analysis Appeals Panel. Appeals must be lodged within 30 days of the publication of the provisional final IRA report.

Written appeals must be received by 27 June 2008 and addressed to the Import Risk Analysis Appeals Panel secretariat as follows:

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