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BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA ADVICE 2008/27 QUARANTINE POLICY DETERMINATION FOR FRESH MANGO FRUIT FROM INDIA

This Biosecurity Australia Advice (BAA) notifies stakeholders that Australia's Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine has determined a quarantine policy for the importation of fresh mango fruit from India. The importation of mangoes from India may be permitted subject to the *Quarantine Act 1908*, and the application of phytosanitary measures as specified in the *Final Import Risk Analysis Report for Fresh Mango Fruit from India*. The policy will be taken into account by decision makers when considering import permit applications for fresh mango fruit from India in accordance with the *Quarantine Act 1908* and *Quarantine Proclamation 1998* as amended.

In response to a proposal from India, Biosecurity Australia completed an import risk analysis (IRA) on fresh mango fruit from India. The IRA was completed in accordance with the *Import Risk Analysis Handbook 2007* provisions for a standard regulated process (BAA 2008/09), subject to consultation with stakeholders and an appeal process (BAA 2008/18). No appeals were received on the provisional final report. The final report has now been published on Biosecurity Australia's website.

The Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine has now determined the quarantine policy to permit the entry of fresh mango fruit from India to Australia. Importation of mangoes from India can now be permitted, subject to the *Quarantine Act 1908*, and the application of phytosanitary measures as specified in the *Final Import Risk Analysis Report for Fresh Mango Fruit from India*. These measures are designed to limit quarantine risk to a level that is acceptably low, in order to achieve Australia's appropriate level of protection.

The quarantine measures are pre-export irradiation treatment, supported by an operational system to maintain and verify quarantine status. Australian quarantine inspectors are also required to pre-clear and verify the irradiation treatment of mangoes prior to export.

Australia and India will now develop a detailed operational work plan. This will need to be approved by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service before any import permits will be considered.

The final report is available on the Biosecurity Australia website, <u>www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au</u>.

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