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PROVISIONAL FINAL IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS REPORT FOR FRESH STONE FRUIT
FROM CALIFORNIA, IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON

This Biosecurity Australia Advice notifies stakeholders of the release of the *Provisional final import risk analysis report for fresh stone fruit from California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington*.

The provisional final import risk analysis (IRA) report recommends that the importation of fresh stone fruit from California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington be permitted, subject to a range of quarantine conditions.

The recommended quarantine measures include a systems approach to manage peach twig borer and visual inspection for mealybugs, leafrollers and thrips. Additional measures are also required for two pests of regional quarantine concern to Western Australia. The quarantine measures will be supported by an operational system to maintain and verify the quarantine status of consignments.

This provisional final report takes into account the submissions and comments by stakeholders on a draft report released in April 2008. It is open for appeal to the independent Import Risk Analysis Appeals Panel until 16 April 2010.

Biosecurity Australia Advice 2008/04, of 13 March 2008, announced the formal commencement of a standard IRA under the regulated process to consider a proposal to import fresh stone fruit from California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Comments from stakeholders on the *Draft import risk analysis report for fresh stone fruit from California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington* issued on 29 April 2008 were taken into account in preparing the provisional final IRA report.

The provisional final IRA report identifies 20 quarantine pests that require quarantine measures to manage risks to a very low level in order to achieve Australia's appropriate level of protection (ALOP). The identified quarantine pests are all arthropods: apple maggot, peach twig borer, cherry fruitworm, lesser apple fruitworm, oriental fruit moth, four species of mealybugs, seven species of leafrollers and four species of thrips. Regional differences were identified for two pests, oriental fruit moth and citrophilus mealybug, which are quarantine pests for Western Australia only.

The recommended quarantine measures are a combination of risk management measures and operational systems that will reduce the risk associated with the importation of fresh stone fruit from California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington into Australia to achieve Australia's ALOP, including:

- a systems approach for peach twig borer that includes infield control measures, orchard surveys and fruit cutting in the packing house
- fruit cutting in the packing house to detect cherry fruitworm and lesser apple fruitworm
- sourcing fruit from pest free areas, or areas of low pest prevalence for oriental fruit moth (exports to Western Australia only)
- sourcing and packing fruit in areas recognised as free from apple maggot (for apricots, plums and their interspecific hybrids)

- visual inspection of all consignments for mealybugs, leafrollers and thrips and remedial action when these pests are detected
- supporting operational systems to maintain and verify the phytosanitary status of consignments.

The recommended quarantine measures outlined in the report take account of regional differences.

The release of this provisional final IRA report marks the end of the regulated timeframe for the IRA. The report and information about the regulated IRA process are available from www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au. Printed copies are available on request.

This IRA is being completed under the regulated process according to the *Import Risk Analysis Handbook 2007 (update 2009)*. Stakeholders may lodge an appeal in writing to the Import Risk Analysis Appeals Panel – a body independent of Biosecurity Australia. The panel has advised that any appeals must be received by 16 April 2010. The appeal period takes account of the public holiday period that falls within the appeal timeframe. The appeal must outline a claim or claims based on the ground that:

- there was a significant deviation from the regulated IRA process that adversely affected the interests of a stakeholder.

Each claim must be supported by a statement of reasons.

The panel has up to 45 days to consider any appeals and report its findings to Australia's Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine and appellants. If there is no appeal, or once any appeals are resolved, the process is complete and policy recommendations will be submitted to the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine for determination.

Written appeals (by email or post) must be received by 16 April 2010 and be addressed to the Import Risk Analysis Appeals Panel secretariat, as follows:

Secretariat
 Import Risk Analysis Appeals Panel
 Corporate Policy Division
 Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
 GPO Box 858
 CANBERRA ACT 2601
 Email: IRAAP@daff.gov.au

Further detail on the appeals process can be found in the *Import Risk Analysis Handbook 2007 (update 2009)* at www.daff.gov.au/irahandbook and from the IRAAP secretariat at www.daff.gov.au/iraap.



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