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**COMMENCEMENT OF AN IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS FOR  
FRESH DECROWNED PINEAPPLE FRUIT FROM MALAYSIA**

This Biosecurity Australia Advice announces the formal commencement of an import risk analysis (IRA) under the regulated IRA process to consider a proposal to import fresh decrowned pineapple fruit from Malaysia.

This analysis will be undertaken as a standard IRA, requiring completion within 24 months from announcement. Substantial preliminary work has already been undertaken to progress this IRA.

Biosecurity Australia will prepare a draft IRA report in due course, which will be circulated to stakeholders for comment.

The commencement of this IRA is in response to a request for market access for fresh decrowned pineapple fruit from the Government of Malaysia.

Biosecurity Australia advised stakeholders in September 2007 that changes to the import risk analysis (IRA) process had been implemented when regulations made under the *Quarantine Act 1908* formally took effect. That advice also notified the transitional arrangements for Biosecurity Australia's import work program, including pineapples from Malaysia that would be conducted under the regulated IRA process.

Although the regulations allow a timeframe of 24 months to complete a standard IRA, in view of the substantial preliminary work already undertaken, this IRA is expected to be completed in less than 24 months from this announcement.

The next step is to release a draft IRA report to enable all interested stakeholders to comment. A comment period of 60 days will apply.

The regulations require the Chief Executive of Biosecurity Australia to formally announce the commencement of IRAs to be undertaken under the regulated process. This announcement triggers the start of the regulated timeframe for this IRA.

Further information on the regulated IRA process can be found in the *Import Risk Analysis Handbook 2007 (updated 2009)* on Biosecurity Australia's website at:  
<http://www.daff.gov.au/ba/ira/process-handbook>

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