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## Biosecurity Advice 2016/31

### Draft report for the review of biosecurity import requirements for fresh dragon fruit from Vietnam

This Biosecurity Advice notifies stakeholders of the release of the *Draft report for the review of biosecurity import requirements for fresh dragon fruit from Vietnam*.

The draft report identifies pests that require risk management measures in order to achieve Australia's appropriate level of protection, where the risk is reduced to a very low level.

This draft review is being issued for a 60 calendar day stakeholder consultation period. Written comments and submissions are invited by 14 November 2016.

Biosecurity Advice 2016/13, of 20 April 2016, announced the formal commencement of a review of biosecurity import requirements to consider a proposal to import fresh dragon fruit from Vietnam.

This Biosecurity Advice notifies stakeholders of the release of the *Draft report for the review of biosecurity import requirements for fresh dragon fruit from Vietnam*. Stakeholders have until 14 November 2016 to provide written comments on the draft report.

The draft report identifies seven arthropod pests associated with fresh dragon fruit from Vietnam that will require risk management measures. These seven pests are three fruit flies and four mealybugs.

One species, Pacific mealybug, has been identified as a pest of regional concern for Western Australia. The proposed risk management measures take account of this regional difference.

The draft report proposes a range of risk management measures, combined with a system of operational procedures to ensure biosecurity standards are met. These measures are considered to reduce the risk posed by the seven quarantine pests and achieve Australia's appropriate level of protection (ALOP). Additional information on ALOP can be found on the department's [website](#).

These proposed measures are consistent with Australia's existing policy and comprise:

- visual inspection and, if detected, remedial action for mealybugs
- area freedom or fruit treatment (such as vapour heat treatment or irradiation). The use of irradiation is subject to approval by Food Standards Australia New Zealand to ensure that irradiated dragon fruit is safe for human consumption.
- a supporting operational system to maintain and verify the phytosanitary status of export consignments.

The draft report and information about the risk analysis process are available from the department's website. Printed copies of the report are available, if required.

Comments on the draft report must be submitted by 14 November 2016.

**Lodging a submission:** There is no specific format for submissions, but they must be in writing, and identify the relevant technical biosecurity issues being raised with supporting evidence. Submissions should be received by the department within the stated comment period.

Submissions may be lodged in the following ways:

- the department's website: using the [online template](#)
- email to [plant@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:plant@agriculture.gov.au)
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