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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE REVIEW OF BIOSECURITY IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR FRESH CHINESE JUJUBE FRUIT FROM CHINA

This Biosecurity Advice announces the formal commencement of the review of biosecurity import requirements for fresh Chinese jujube fruit (*Ziziphus jujuba* Mill.) from China.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (the department) expects to release the draft report for public consultation in early 2019.

The commencement of this risk analysis is in response to a market access request for fresh Chinese jujube fruit from China to Australia.

A preliminary assessment of the pests associated with fresh Chinese jujubes from China has identified that the potential pests of biosecurity concern are the same, or of the same pest groups, as those associated with other horticultural goods that have been assessed previously by the department and for which risk management measures exist. The pests identified include fruit flies, a mealybug, scales, and a fruit-boring moth.

Given the similarity of pests of concern, and that there are appropriate risk management measures already established for these pests or pest groups, the risk analysis for fresh Chinese jujubes from China will be progressed as a review of biosecurity import requirements (a non-regulated risk analysis), consistent with the [Biosecurity Import Risk Analysis Guidelines 2016](#).

Further information on this risk analysis can be found in the [Announcement Information Paper](#).

The department expects to release a draft report for public consultation in early 2019. The department will consider all stakeholder comments received during the consultation period in preparing the final report.

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