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BIOSECURITY ADVICE 2012/25

EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD - DRAFT POLICY REVIEW: ALTERNATIVE RISK MANAGEMENT MEASURES TO IMPORT LILIUM SPP. CUT FLOWERS FROM TAIWAN

This Biosecurity Advice notifies stakeholders that the comment period following the release of the *Draft policy review: Alternative risk management measures to import Lilium spp. cut flowers from Taiwan* on 5 November 2012 has been extended.

The draft report is now issued for 60 days consultation. Written comments and submissions are invited by 4 January 2013.

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Stakeholders have until 4 January 2013 to provide written comments on the draft report.

The draft report identifies twenty one pests of potential quarantine concern to Australia associated with lily cut flowers in the country assessed. Sixteen arthropod pests and five viruses have been identified as pests requiring phytosanitary measures.

The following risk management measures and operational procedures are recommended to achieve Australia's appropriate level of protection (ALOP):

- flowers must be non-propagable (free from bulbils)
- either a systems approach to control insect pests administered by Taiwan's NPPO, or methyl bromide fumigation
- pre-export phytosanitary inspection of lily cut flowers, as well as certification by the NPPO that the consignment is free of quarantine pests
- on-arrival inspection to verify that quarantine pests, or any other regulated articles, are identified, if present, and subjected to remedial action
- clearance by DAFF

The draft report and information about the risk analysis process are available at www.daff.gov.au. Printed copies can be provided, if required.

Comments on the draft report must be submitted by 4 January 2013 to:

Biosecurity – Plant
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
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DAFF will consider all comments received on the draft policy review and prepare a final report. DAFF will issue a BA when the final report has been published.

Confidentiality

Stakeholders are advised that, subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1988*, all submissions received in response to Biosecurity Advices will be publicly available and may be listed or referred to in any papers or reports prepared on the subject matter.

The Commonwealth of Australia reserves the right to reveal the identity of a respondent unless a request for anonymity accompanies the submission. Where a request for anonymity does not accompany the submission, the respondent will be taken to have consented to the disclosure of their identity for the purposes of Information Privacy Principle 11 of the *Privacy Act 1988*.

The contents of the submission will only be treated as confidential if they are marked 'confidential' and can be classified as such in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

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