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Dear Stakeholder

**IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS - TOMATOES FROM
THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS**

In our letter of 5 March 1998, the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) advised stakeholders that the import risk analysis (IRA) for importation of tomatoes from the Kingdom of the Netherlands would be undertaken using the routine process. The process is outlined in *The AQIS Import Risk Analysis Process Handbook* which has been distributed to stakeholders.

The IRA process has been delayed due to a change in the commodity pathway from individual fruits, to include both individual fruits and fruits in truss. AQIS also needs to analyse additional technical information provided by quarantine authorities in the Netherlands.

It is now expected that the draft IRA will not be released until October - November 1999. AQIS will keep you informed of any further changes to the IRA process.

If you wish to suggest inclusion of an additional stakeholder in our distribution list for this IRA, or if you wish to be removed from the distribution list, please provide details to the Import Risk Analysis Secretariat at the following address:

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Information on all IRAs the Plant Quarantine Policy Branch is currently conducting is available on the AQIS Homepage at <http://www.aqis.gov.au/docs/plpolicy/plhome1.htm>

Yours sincerely

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