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Dear Dr. van Meurs,

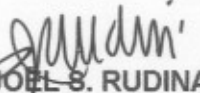
Here are the BPI's comments on the Minority View Section of the Revised Draft of Import Risk Analysis for the Importation of Cavendish Banana from the Philippines.

1. Our scientists working with banana believed that infected plants in a population or the efficacy of the proposed measure can be determined. This is because under Philippine condition, Moko infested banana will show typical symptom of vascular discoloration of the pseudostem extending to the peduncle.
2. On the other hand, symptomless infected fruits may not be detected in Moko infested plants. However, the disease is apparent on the leaves. Those plants without symptoms on the leaves will exhibit vascular discoloration which again is visible on the peduncle at harvest.
3. Under such situation, these bunches will be outright rejected in the field. Banana bunch will not be brought to the packing area and the infected mat will be eradicated following standard cultural management for disease control.

Thus, there is no possibility that infected Moko banana will enter Australia.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
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