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Dear Marion

Thank you for your letter of 25 August 2016 regarding the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) request for submissions on the 'Draft report for the non-regulated analysis of existing policy for fresh strawberry fruit from the Republic of Korea'.

The Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has considered the draft report and the proposed import conditions for fresh strawberry fruit from all commercial greenhouse production from Korea into Australia. I advise that the my department notes that DAWR has identified five quarantine pests associated with the proposed importation that require risk mitigation measures to reduce the risks to an acceptable level. My department also notes Australia has existing import policies for fresh strawberry fruit for human consumption from New Zealand and the United States of America (California).

I advise that my department supports DAWR's proposal to import fresh strawberry fruit commercially grown in greenhouses from Korea, while managing the risks associated with this trade. The department requires further details of any proposed systems approach, to evaluate its efficacy against *Xanthomonas fragariae* (angular leaf spot). *Xanthomonas fragariae* is an economically important pest of strawberry which is present in greenhouse production in Korea. Furthermore, in the draft report the likelihood of entry of *X. fragariae* into Australia as a result of imported strawberries was assessed as moderate.

The department's position on the draft report is summarised below:

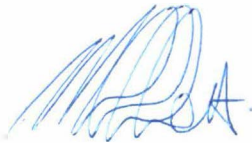
- pre-harvest, harvest, post-harvest production practices and packing procedures for strawberry fruit in Korea – supported
- the pest categorisation list of five quarantine pests – supported
- the risk assessments for quarantine pests – supported

- the proposed risk management measures – supported based on the provision of further details on the systems approach (as a substitute for area freedom status) for *X. fragariae*.

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on this draft report and looks forward to having further interaction with your department as the BIRA process is finalised.

If you require any further information, please contact on telephone or email .

Yours sincerely



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