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ANIMAL QUARANTINE POLICY MEMORANDUM 2000/23

IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS: UNCOOKED CHICKEN MEAT

CONFIRMATION OF APPROACH AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE RISK ANALYSIS PANEL

This Animal Quarantine Policy Memorandum (AQPM) provides confirmation on the approach and membership of risk analysis panel (RAP) for the import risk analysis (IRA) of uncooked chicken meat.

AQPM 1999/68 proposed the scope for the IRA and the membership of the RAP on the importation of uncooked chicken meat.

Five stakeholders have provided comments to AQIS. Respondents sought a specific reference in the IRA to cover public health issues and recommended that the RAP include a member with scientific expertise with current or very recent industry experience in current farming practices. Public health issues relating to exotic pathogens are within the scope of the IRA, whereas other public health issues such as residues fall within the responsibility of Australia New Zealand Food Authority (ANZFA). The relevant correspondence has been passed to ANZFA. AQIS considers that the RAP has industry expertise through Dr Gilchrist, who has considerable recent experience in this area as well as being acknowledged as an expert in avian viral diseases. He was suggested as a potential RAP member by an industry group.

Following careful consideration of comments received, the Executive Director of AQIS has confirmed the non-routine approach to this IRA and the following RAP membership:

Name	Organisation/Position	Expertise
David Banks (Chair)	Animal Quarantine Policy Branch, (AQPB)	animal quarantine policy/ practice; international trade obligations
Andrew Turner	Consultant	avian disease, exotic disease control
Harvey Westbury	AAHL	avian disease, epidemiology and poultry research
Peter Coloe	RMIT	food microbiology
Paul Gilchrist	Consultant	avian disease

David Buckley from AQPB will provide the secretariat and any other support required by the RAP.

Next Steps

Stakeholders now have fifteen days to appeal the Executive Director's determination in relation to the scope, timing, panel membership and approach for this IRA. Appeals should be sent to the Director of Quarantine at the following address by the close of business Monday 15th May.

Mr Michael Taylor
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - Australia
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CANBERRA ACT 2601

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Respondents are advised that, subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1982*, all submissions received in response to Animal Quarantine Policy Memoranda will be publicly available and may be listed or referred to in any papers or reports prepared on the subject matter of the Memoranda.

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