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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2001/25

PIG MEAT IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS: PROGRESS REPORT AND RELEASE OF PRRS REPORT

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) provides stakeholders with a progress report on the import risk analysis (IRA) of pig meat and the report of an experimental study into the transmission of porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS) via the feeding of meat (Attachment A).

The risk analysis panel conducting the pig meat IRA met in Canberra on 25 July 2001. The Panel is chaired by Dr David Banks (Animal Biosecurity) and includes Dr Ross Cutler (consultant), Professor Colin Wilks (consultant), Dr Kevin Doyle (Australian Veterinary Association) and Dr Robyn Martin (Animal Biosecurity).

The Panel considered a number of issues including the following:

- Comments received from 10 stakeholders on the Issues Paper (ABPM 2001/02)
- The risk assessment model for pig meat
- Reports including “Transmission of porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus through oral uptake of infected porcine muscular tissue by naïve recipients” and “Factors affecting the exposure of Australian animals to pig meat” commissioned by Biosecurity Australia; and “An economic assessment of the impact of exotic disease in the Australian pig industry” commissioned by the Pig Research and Development Corporation
- Future research needs for the IRA

Stakeholder comments on the Issues Paper and Biosecurity Australia’s responses are on the Public File and summaries will be published as part of the draft IRA report.

The report on the “Transmission of porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus through oral uptake of infected porcine muscular tissue by naïve recipients” undertaken at Lelystad, The Netherlands is at Attachment A. The panel and the PRRS technical working group have examined the report. The information provided will be considered as part of the risk assessment for PRRS virus. It is proposed that the results of this experiment will be submitted to an international peer reviewed journal.



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Because of the large number of maps, the report on “Factors affecting the exposure of Australian animals to pig meat” is available on request in hard copy only from the contact officer.

Next Steps

The risk analysis panel is now developing the draft import risk analysis report. We would be grateful if you would pass details of this notice to other interested parties, who should advise the contact officer if they wish to be included in future communications on this matter. Inquiries should be directed to the officer whose contact details appear below.

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