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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/20

IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS - BANANAS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) provides stakeholders with details of meetings to be held in Innisfail and Coffs Harbour to discuss the Import Risk Analysis (IRA) on bananas from the Philippines.

[PBPM 2002/18](#) of 6 May 2002 advised stakeholders of the availability of a [document](#) containing technical information that has been compiled for use as a resource by the risk analysis panel (RAP). The purpose of the stakeholder meetings is to discuss this technical document and next steps for this IRA.

Details for the meetings which are to be held in Innisfail and Coffs Harbour are as follows:

Coffs Harbour

Friday 7 June 2002
Coffs Harbour Showground
Norm Jordon Pavilion
Time: 9.00am - 2.30pm

Innisfail

Tuesday 11 June 2002
Conference Room
Centre for Wet Tropics Agriculture
South Johnstone Road
South Johnstone
Time: 9.00am - 2.30pm

Please advise Technical and Administrative Services of Plant Biosecurity by Monday 27 May 2002 if you will be attending either of the above meetings.

Information discussed at the meetings will be considered by the RAP in preparing the draft IRA report.

Stakeholders wishing to receive regular updates on the progress of this risk analysis or information on how to lodge contributions can join the Biosecurity Australia stakeholder register by contacting:

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Consultation

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 Technical and Administrative Services at the address above.

Information on all IRAs being conducted by Plant Biosecurity is available on the web at <http://www.affa.gov.au/plantbiosecurity>.

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