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BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA POLICY MEMORANDUM 2006/22

**DRAFT IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS (IRA) REPORT FOR CHICKEN MEAT:
EXTENSION TO THE CONSULTATION PERIOD**

This Biosecurity Australia Policy Memorandum (BAPM) advises of an extension to the consultation period until 29 September 2006 for stakeholders to provide comments on the draft import risk analysis (IRA) report for chicken meat.

The draft IRA report of chicken meat was released on 28 June 2006 under cover of BAPM 2006/18 for the normal consultation period of 60 days, closing on 28 August 2006. The report is available from the Biosecurity Australia website at www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au. A hard copy of the document can be requested from the contact officer below.

A number of domestic and international stakeholders have requested an extension to the closing date for comments. Given the significance of the IRA, the size of the report and the complexity of the issues covered in the report, I have extended the consultation period until 29 September 2006.

Technical comments, supported by published references where available, on the draft IRA report for chicken meat should be submitted to the following address:

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An electronic version of submissions would be appreciated. The IRA team will consider all stakeholder comments of the draft report as it finalises the analysis.

For further information on the draft IRA report or on the IRA process please contact the officer below. Information on IRAs and policy reviews being conducted by Biosecurity Australia is available on the Internet at www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au.

Please pass this notice to other interested parties. If those parties wish to be included in future communications on this matter they should get in touch with the contact officer (details below).

Confidentiality

Stakeholders are advised that, subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1988*, all submissions received in response to 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.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reveal the identity of a respondent unless a request for anonymity accompanies the submission. Where a request for anonymity does not accompany the submission the respondent will be taken to have consented to the disclosure of his or her identity for the purposes of Information Privacy Principle 11 of the *Privacy Act 1988*.

The contents of the submission will not be treated as confidential unless they are marked 'confidential' and they are capable of being classified as such in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

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