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## ANIMAL QUARANTINE POLICY MEMORANDUM 1999/39

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Office of the Australian CVO  
Animal Health Branch, NOAPH  
Veterinary Counsellors, Washington, Brussels & Seoul  
Agricultural Counsellor, Tokyo  
Australian Poultry Industries' Association  
Australian Egg Industry Association  
National Poultry Association  
Environment Australia

CSIRO Division of Animal Health  
National Farmers' Federation  
Quarantine and Animal Health Task Force, NFF  
Australian Animal Health Council  
Australian Veterinary Association  
Australian Livestock Exporters' Council  
National Meat Association of Australia  
Association of Avian Veterinarians (Australian Chapter)  
Chief Veterinary Officer, MAF RA, NZ

### IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS: PIGEONS DECISION ON REVISED CONDITIONS

This Animal Quarantine Policy Memorandum (AQPM) provides finalised quarantine requirements for the importation of pigeons. Under the new import risk analysis (IRA) procedures the Executive Director of AQIS has considered and agreed to the requirements set out in the attached conditions (Attachment A).

AQPM 1998/63 provided a draft IRA paper and provided draft import conditions. AQIS received comment from 21 stakeholders on the draft IRA paper. Stakeholders supported the draft conditions. The majority of the comments received on the technical elements of the draft conditions were incorporated or addressed. Attachment B summarises stakeholder comments and AQIS's responses.

#### Next Steps

This AQPM advises the final conditions endorsed by the Executive Director of AQIS. Stakeholders may appeal against the process followed for this IRA by writing to:

Mr Ken Matthews  
Secretary  
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - Australia  
GPO Box 858  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Appeals should be received by close of business on 9 July 1999. If there are no appeals, the attached conditions will be adopted on 16 July 1999. AQIS will issue a further AQPM advising adoption or, alternatively, that an appeal has been received. All inquires should be directed to the officer whose contact details appear below.

### **Confidentiality**

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.

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.

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.

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