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Dear Stakeholder

### **IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS - PAPAYA FRUIT FROM FIJI**

In our letter of 21 August 1998 we advised you that the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) will conduct an import risk analysis (IRA) on the importation of papaya fruit from Fiji.

AQIS will conduct the risk analysis using the IRA process outlined in the *AQIS Import Risk Analysis Process Handbook*, which has been distributed to stakeholders. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an opportunity to comment on the proposed approach to the risk analysis.

#### **The process**

AQIS considers that the risk analysis on the importation of papaya fruit from Fiji should be undertaken using the routine IRA process outlined in the IRA Handbook.

#### **Timeframe for completing the risk analysis**

We estimate that the risk analysis will take approximately ten months to complete using the routine process. If there are no unanticipated delays, we would expect the draft IRA paper to be released in April 1999. Stakeholders will be kept informed if there are any significant delays or variations to the proposed timeframe.

#### **Request for comments**

You are invited to comment on the proposal to conduct the IRA using the routine process. Your comments will be taken into consideration by AQIS in finalising its

position on the type of process to be followed. AQIS has extended the standard consultation period of 30 days to allow for the Christmas/New Year holidays, and will accept written submissions on this issue until the close of business on Friday 29 January 1999. Responses should be forwarded to:

Risk Analysis Secretariat  
Plant Quarantine Policy Branch  
Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service  
GPO Box 858  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Tel: (02) 6272 5094  
Fax: (02) 6272 3307

If you wish to add a particular stakeholder to our distribution list for this IRA, or if you wish to be removed from the distribution list, please provide details to the Import Risk Analysis Secretariat at the above address.

Subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1988*, all submissions received with respect to the review will be publicly available and be listed or referred to in papers or reports prepared in the review. If a request for anonymity does not accompany a submission, the respondent will be taken to have consented to the disclosure of his or her identity for the purposes of the *Privacy Act*. The contents of a 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*.

We look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

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