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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/43

IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS – BANANAS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) acknowledges stakeholder comments on the Draft Import Risk Analysis (IRA) Report on the importation of hard green fresh banana fruit from the Philippines.

Biosecurity Australia (BA) released the Draft IRA Report on the importation of fresh bananas from the Philippines for stakeholder comment on 1 July 2002 in PBPM 2002/30.

BA has received 19 stakeholder submissions on the Draft IRA Report including substantial submissions from the Australian Banana Growers' Council, the Philippines government and the Philippines banana industry. A full list of stakeholders that made submissions is at Attachment 1 and all submissions have been placed on the public file.

A range of issues were raised in the submissions regarding the risk analysis methodology and the technical considerations underpinning analysis of various pest and disease risks. The Risk Analysis Panel (RAP) held a teleconference on 11 September and planned action to consider and prepare responses to stakeholder comments. The RAP has advised that it will take considerable time and resources to address the matters raised. Preparation of the Final IRA Report will follow.

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. 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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**Stakeholder Submissions
Bananas from the Philippines IRA**

1. The South Australian Country Women's Association Incorporated
2. The Carnarvon Banana Industry Protection Committee
3. Australian Banana Wholesalers
4. Carnarvon Growers' Association Inc. (CGA)
5. Mr Jeff Daniells
6. Ag. –White Pty Ltd
7. Mackay Estates/Scientific Advisory Services Pty Ltd
8. Queensland Department of Primary Industries (QDPI)
9. Western Australia Department of Agriculture (WADA)
10. Mr Alan Zappala
11. Philippine Government/banana industry stakeholders
12. Cardwell Shire Council
13. Bananas NSW
14. Pilipino Banana Growers' & Exporters Association, Inc. (PBGEA) and Banana Export Industry Foundation, Inc. (BEIF)
15. Australian Banana Growers' Council Inc (ABGC)
16. Johnstone Shire Council
17. Victorian Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE)
18. Bonlac Foods/Murray Goulburn Cooperative/Tatura Milk Industries/Warranmbool Cheese and Butter Factory
19. New South Wales Agriculture