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**Biosecurity Australia**

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**BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA POLICY MEMORANDUM 2006/30**  
**CHICKEN MEAT IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS UPDATE**

This Biosecurity Australia Policy Memorandum (BAPM) informs stakeholders that the comment period for the draft import risk analysis (IRA) report for chicken meat has closed and outlines the next steps in the analysis.

The comment period for the generic draft IRA report for chicken meat, issued on 28 June 2006, closed on 29 September 2006.

Biosecurity Australia has received 20 submissions from stakeholders. Unless confidential, submissions will be included on the IRA public file and published on the Biosecurity Australia website, [www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au](http://www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au).

This IRA will be finalised under the process set out under the IRA Handbook 2003. In announcing changes to the IRA process on 18 October 2006 (see BAPM 2006/29), the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry noted the chicken meat IRA was one of a number of IRAs that is well advanced and will be finished under the existing process.

Biosecurity Australia, with the assistance of an expert IRA team, will now begin preparing a final IRA report, giving careful consideration to the scientific and technical issues raised, and any new science that may have become available.

This final report will then be reviewed by an independent Eminent Scientists Group to ensure that Biosecurity Australia has taken stakeholders' comments properly into account.

The final report, which is open to formal appeal, will then be published.

Following any appeal process (and implementation of appeal outcomes, if required) a final report and recommendations will be provided to the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine, who will then make a quarantine policy determination.

Biosecurity Australia intends to complete the IRA in a timely fashion, giving full consideration to the issues raised in submissions. The process of considering stakeholder submissions, eminent scientist review, formal appeal period and final policy determination is likely to be concluded in the first part of 2007.

### **Consultation**

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).

Information on risk assessments and policy reviews being conducted by Biosecurity Australia is available on the Internet at [www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au](http://www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au).

### **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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