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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/45

PIG MEAT IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS RELEASE OF DRAFT METHODS PAPER

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) provides stakeholders with the draft Methods Paper (Attachment A) for the pig meat import risk analysis (IRA). The draft Methods Paper sets out the risk analysis panel's proposed approach to the method for undertaking the risk analysis. The paper is for information only; however, we would welcome stakeholder comments.

The Technical Issues Paper for this IRA was circulated in January 2001 (ABPM 2001/02). Since then the risk analysis panel has been developing the draft IRA report that is the next consultation step in the process. We recently provided a progress report on the IRA (ABPM 2002/37 of 6 August 2002).

As foreshadowed in ABPM 2002/37, the risk analysis panel has prepared the attached draft Methods Paper. The paper is being circulated to stakeholders to provide information on the proposed approach to be used for undertaking the risk analysis. The paper also outlines release and exposure pathways and disease outbreak scenarios.

The panel has taken into account stakeholder comments on the Technical Issues Paper and will consider comments on the draft Methods Paper in the context of preparing the draft IRA report, so stakeholders wishing to comment on the paper are asked to do so as soon as possible.

Next Steps

As part of the risk analysis, the panel is currently seeking to categorise pig meat cuts and products on the basis of the amount of waste generated, and to enumerate the proportion of each category that is purchased by households throughout a year. The panel would welcome input from stakeholders who may be able to provide comments or information on this matter.

The panel is continuing its work on the draft IRA report. This report will contain risk assessments for each disease agent identified in the Technical Issues Paper and propose risk management where required.

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.

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