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ANIMAL QUARANTINE POLICY MEMORANDUM 1999/06

Chief Veterinary Officers, all States and the NT
 Animal Programs Section, AQIS Operations
 National Office of Animal, Plant and Fish Health
 Veterinary Counsellors, Washington, Brussels & Seoul
 Agricultural Counsellor, Tokyo
 Pork Council of Australia
 Executive Director Pig Research and Development Corporation
 Australasian Pig Institute, University of Queensland, Gatton Qld

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
 Chief Veterinary Officer, MAF RA, NZ
 EU Delegation, Canberra
 Australian Pork Corporation

IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS: PIG MEAT

CONFIRMATION OF APPROACH AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE RISK ANALYSIS PANEL

AQPM 1998/89 proposed the adoption of a non-routine approach and the membership of the Risk Analysis Panel (RAP) for the import risk analysis (IRA) on the importation of pig meat.

Twelve stakeholders have provided comments to AQIS. Stakeholders supported the scope of the IRA and the proposed RAP membership.

The Executive Director of AQIS has confirmed the non-routine approach to this IRA and the following RAP membership:

Name	Organisation/Position	Expertise
Dr Sarah Kahn (Chair)	Animal Quarantine Policy Branch, AQIS	Animal quarantine policy/practice; international trade obligations
Dr Colin Wilks	Principal Scientist, Victorian Institute of Animal Science	Veterinary microbiology/virology, public health
Dr Ross Cutler	Consultant (current RAP member for Pig Semen IRA)	Diseases and management of pigs
Dr Kevin Doyle	National Office, Australian Veterinary Association	Epidemiology, quarantine policy, risk analysis
Dr Robyn Martin (Secretariat)	Animal Quarantine Policy Branch, AQIS	Diseases of pigs; quarantine policy; risk analysis

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Next Steps

Any stakeholder with significant concerns about the process followed thus far for this IRA may lodge 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 12 February 1999.

All enquires 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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STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK TO AQIS

AQIS's new import risk analysis process and associated consultative arrangements are well into their first year of implementation. We would appreciate your feedback on those

arrangements and would be grateful if you would take a few minutes to fill in this survey and mail it to AQIS.

The form is self addressed and does not need a stamp if posted in Australia. Simply fold at the dotted lines and staple so that the “reply paid” face is on the outside.

1. Are you receiving all the information on animal quarantine policy that you wish to see?
(please circle) Yes No

Comment:
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2. Is the information you receive from AQIS generally clear, complete and accurate?
(please circle) Yes No

(fold).....

Comment:
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3. How could AQIS improve arrangements for providing information on animal quarantine policy to clients?

Comment:
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Name:
Company/Organisation:

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