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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/42
CROCODILE MEAT FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA
DECISION ON QUARANTINE CONDITIONS

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) provides the quarantine requirements for the importation of crocodile meat from Papua New Guinea (PNG) at Attachment A. The revised conditions come into effect on 15 October 2002.

Biosecurity Australia proposed revised quarantine requirements for the importation of crocodile meat from PNG in ABPM 2002/27. Six stakeholders responded and their comments have been taken into account in finalising the review. Details of stakeholder comments and Biosecurity Australia's responses are at Attachment B.

Several comments were received relating to the risks of trichinellosis in crocodile meat produced in PNG and these have been addressed by the inclusion of a testing requirement for the parasite and freezing of the meat.

Next steps

These conditions come into effect on 15 October 2002.

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 listed below.

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