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## **ANIMAL QUARANTINE POLICY MEMORANDUM 1998/89**

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EU Delegation, Canberra

Australian Pork Corporation

### **IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS: PIG MEAT**

#### **CONSULTATION ON SCOPE AND PROCESS ISSUES**

This Animal Quarantine Policy Memorandum (AQPM) provides details, and seeks stakeholder comment, on the scope of and process to be followed in the import risk analysis (IRA) of pig meat.

AQPM 1998/45 sought comment on the proposed approach to the IRA. Fifteen stakeholders responded; all supported the non-routine approach which was agreed by the Executive Director of AQIS. This AQPM invites your comment on the scope of the IRA and membership of the risk analysis panel (RAP) which will undertake the IRA.

#### **Scope**

The IRA will consider the importation of pig meat from all countries, ie a generic IRA. It will assess the disease risks associated with the importation of pig meat and derived food products and will identify any appropriate risk management options.

#### **Process Issues**

The RAP will assess quarantine risks potentially associated with the importation of pig meat and risk management options, which may include cooking and other meat processing techniques. Generic import conditions which may be developed would be applied to countries seeking access, as appropriate to their pig health status.

The role of the RAP will be to

- . develop a detailed work program for the IRA
- . produce a draft technical issues paper and a draft IRA report
- . take account of stakeholder comment in preparing its reports
- . identify the need for and scope of other assessments (environmental, economic) which should be carried out by appropriate experts
- . consult as appropriate to obtain a full and accurate assessment of all relevant scientific issues
- . take into account Australia's appropriate level of quarantine protection, obligations under the Quarantine Act 1908 and Australia's international rights and obligations
- . provide a final report containing recommendations on risk management for consideration by the Executive Director of AQIS.

AQIS will chair the RAP and coordinate the IRA process. The panel will include independent members with experience and expertise in quarantine risk analysis and/or relevant scientific expertise. On this basis we propose the following panel:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation/Position</b>	<b>Expertise</b>
Dr Sarah Kahn ( <i>Chair</i> )	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 Culter	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 ( <i>Secretariat</i> )	Animal Quarantine Policy Branch, AQIS	Diseases of pigs; quarantine policy; risk analysis

We invite comment on the scope of the IRA and the proposed membership of the RAP. In addition we would appreciate details of technical experts who might be approached to participate in the analysis. Your responses should be addressed to the contact officer (details below) by 24 December 1998.

## **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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