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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/17

**IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS –BANANAS FROM THE
PHILIPPINES**

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) provides stakeholders with a copy of the report on the visit by the chairs of the Technical Working Groups (TWGs) to the Philippines in August 2001.

Report of TWG Chairs on Visit to Philippines

Following clarification of a number of issues during a recent meeting with a Philippines delegation in Canberra, the Philippine banana Import Risk Analysis (IRA) technical working group chairs have finalised the report on their visit to the Philippines in August 2001. A copy of the report is enclosed for your information. The issues that were clarified at the meeting related to Japanese fumigation requirements and the ozonation of ship holds.

Technical input from stakeholders

As stated in previous Memoranda, the Risk Analysis Panel encourages stakeholders who may have technical information relevant to the IRA for Philippines bananas, to provide such information to Biosecurity Australia as soon as possible, so that it may be considered during preparation of the draft Import Risk Analysis document.

Confidentiality

Respondents are advised that, subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1988*, all submissions received in response to Plant Biosecurity 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.

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Consultation

If you wish to suggest inclusion of an additional stakeholder in our distribution list for this IRA, or if you wish to be removed from the distribution list, please provide details to Technical and Administrative Services at the address below.

Information on all IRAs being conducted by Plant Biosecurity is available on the web at <http://www.affa.gov.au/plantbiosecurity>.

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