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IMPORTATION OF CROCODILE MEAT FROM ZIMBABWE: CONSULTATION ON DRAFT REPORT OF THE IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS

This Animal Quarantine Policy Memorandum (AQPM) provides the draft import risk analysis (IRA) report for the importation of crocodile meat from Zimbabwe for consideration and public comment.

Animal Quarantine Policy Memorandum (AQPM) 1998/59 advised commencement of the IRA to develop quarantine policy for the importation of crocodile meat from Zimbabwe. The routine approach was confirmed in AQPM 1998/92. A risk analysis has been conducted and public comment is invited on this draft report.

The draft IRA report is based on reviews of the published literature and consultations with relevant veterinary experts and other scientists in Australia and overseas.

The proposed conditions include risk management measures designed to reduce to an acceptable level the risks of introducing identified hazards by the importation of crocodile meat from Zimbabwe. The two main disease agents requiring testing and treatment are *Trichinella* spp and exotic *Salmonellae*.

Your comments are invited

We welcome your comments on the draft IRA report and proposed quarantine conditions for the importation of crocodile meat from Zimbabwe. AQIS will take account of stakeholder comment in finalising the IRA and submitting recommendations to the Executive Director of AQIS for consideration and approval.

Your response by 3 April 2000 would be appreciated.

We would be grateful if you would pass details of this notice to other interested parties, who should advise AQIS if they wish to be included in future communications on this matter. Inquiries should be directed to the officer whose contact details appear below.

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