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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Biosecurity Australia, Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Fresh longan and lychee fruit
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: People's Republic of China and Thailand
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Longan and Lychee fruit from China and Thailand, draft import risk analysis (IRA) report, August 2003 (Available in English; part A = 125 pages, part B = 243 pages)
6. Description of content: This <i>Draft Import Risk Analysis (IRA) Report</i> contains the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• information on the background to this IRA• an outline of the methodology and results of pest categorization, risk assessment and risk management;• draft quarantine import conditions for fresh longan and lychee fruit from China and Thailand;• further steps in the IRA process; and• a summary of stakeholder comments received on the Technical Issues Paper and Biosecurity Australia's response. <p>The risk assessment identified ten arthropod pests as requiring risk management measures to reduce the risk to an acceptable level.</p> <p>This draft IRA Report concludes that the risks associated with the importation of fresh longan and lychee fruit from China and Thailand can be managed by applying a combination of risk management measures and operational maintenance systems, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• registration of export orchards and packinghouses;• option of cold disinfestation treatment/vapour heat treatment for <i>Bactrocera cucurbitae</i> and <i>B. dorsalis</i> (fruit flies);• option of cold disinfestation treatment/approved orchard control program and inspection for freedom from <i>Conopomorpha sinensis</i> (litchi fruit borer);• inspection for freedom from mealybugs and soft scales;

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pre-export inspection by the National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO); • packing, labelling and storage; • phytosanitary certification by the NPPO; and • on-arrival quarantine clearance by AQIS. <p>Details of these proposed risk management measures, including their objectives, are provided within this draft IRA report. Details are also provided on how these measures may be implemented through the draft import conditions. Biosecurity Australia invites comments on the technical and economic feasibility of the proposed risk management measures and import conditions. In particular, comments are sought on their appropriateness and any alternatives that stakeholders consider would achieve the identified objectives.</p> <p>To assist the reader in considering this draft IRA report, it is presented in two separate parts. Part A includes key components of the risk assessment, the proposed risk management measures, the draft import conditions and a summary of the stakeholder comments on the Technical Issues Paper and Biosecurity Australia's response. Part B contains detailed technical components of the risk assessment.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests</p>
<p>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: ISPM 11 has been followed.</p>
<p>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Import Risk Analysis Handbook 2003 (in English) available from national enquiry point.</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: Comments are requested by 28 October 2003.</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The Australian SPS Notification Point GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Fax: +61 2 6272 3678 E-mail: sps.contact@affa.gov.au</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The documents are also available on the departmental website at www.affa.gov.au/plantcra</p>