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## New Import Conditions for Chicken Meat Finalized 2009

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**Report Highlights:**

Biosecurity Australia has released the quarantine policy determination for the importation of chicken meat into Australia. The importation of chicken meat is now permitted subject to the conditions set out in the final Import Risk Analysis. Post does not believe that this 'generic' IRA has improved the import conditions for U.S. poultry set out in the 1998 IRA report for cooked chicken meat from the USA, Thailand and Denmark.

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Includes PSD Changes: No  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
Annual Report  
Canberra [AS1]  
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Below is the text of a Biosecurity Australia (BA) advice released on March 3, 2009 announcing the quarantine policy determination for the importation of chicken meat into Australia from all countries. In October 2008, BA released the final Import Risk Analysis (IRA) report into the importation of chicken meat (see ref report). Stakeholders had until December 1, 2008 to appeal. Three appeals were received and were considered by the Import Risk Analysis Appeal Panel. No appeals were allowed (see second paragraph of text below).

The importation of chicken meat is now permitted subject to the conditions set out in the final IRA. The final IRA report (BAA 2008/33) is available on the Biosecurity Australia website at <http://www.daff.gov.au/ba/ira/final-animal/chicken-meat>.

Post does not believe that this 'generic' IRA has improved the import conditions for U.S. poultry set out in the 1998 IRA report for cooked chicken meat from the USA, Thailand and Denmark (<http://www.daff.gov.au/ba/ira/final-animal/cooked-chicken>).

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**BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA ADVICE 2009/02  
QUARANTINE POLICY DETERMINATION FOR IMPORTATION OF CHICKEN MEAT**

This Biosecurity Australia Advice (BAA) informs stakeholders that Australia's Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine has determined a quarantine policy for the importation of chicken meat. Importation of chicken meat may be permitted subject to the Quarantine Act 1908, and the application of sanitary measures as specified in the Generic Import Risk Analysis Report for Chicken Meat. The policy will now be taken into account by decision makers when considering import permit applications for chicken meat in accordance with the Quarantine Act 1908 and Quarantine Proclamation 1998 as amended.

In response to long standing access requests from a number of countries, Biosecurity Australia completed an import risk analysis (IRA) on the importation of chicken meat. The IRA was completed in accordance with the provisions of the Import Risk Analysis Handbook 2003. It was subject to consultation with stakeholders and public submission, review by the independent Eminent Scientist Group and an appeal process. The independent Import Risk Analysis Appeal Panel was unanimous in its decision not to allow any of the appeals. Information on the appeals is available from [www.daff.gov.au/biosecuritycoordination](http://www.daff.gov.au/biosecuritycoordination). At the completion of the IRA process, Biosecurity Australia recommended that Australia's Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine make a policy determination that chicken meat could be permitted entry into Australia under specific quarantine conditions.

The Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine has now determined the quarantine policy to permit the entry of chicken meat to Australia. Importation of chicken meat may be permitted, subject to the Quarantine Act 1908, and the application of sanitary measures as specified in the Generic Import Risk Analysis Report for Chicken Meat. These measures are designed to limit quarantine risk to a level that is acceptably low, in order to achieve Australia's appropriate level of protection. The policy will be taken into account by decision makers when considering import permit applications for chicken meat in accordance with the Quarantine Act 1908 and Quarantine Proclamation 1998 as amended.

Once an application for an import permit is received AQIS, in consultation with Biosecurity Australia, will be responsible for developing conditions specific to that application, having regard to the health status of the exporting country or zone. AQIS and Biosecurity Australia

will also ensure that the competent authority is able to certify product to Australia's requirements and, as appropriate, AQIS and Biosecurity Australia may inspect exporting plants and ensure adequate systems are in place.

End text.

### Recent Reports from FAS/Canberra

The reports listed below can all be downloaded from the FAS website at:

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/scriptsw/AttacheRep/default.asp>.

Report Number	Title of Report	Date
AS9006	Cotton Quarterly Update – March	02/20/09
AS9005	Agricultural situation 2009	02/11/09
AS9004	Govt. announces A\$9 million boost to wood export industries	01/29/09
AS9003	February Grain Lockup	01/29/09
AS9002	New Support for Wheat Exporters to Develop Markets Announced	01/27/09
AS9001	Australian Government Announces Food Production Grants Programs	01/23/09
AS8061	Recent Weather & Crop Impact	12/29/08
AS8060	Dried Distillers Grain	12/29/08
AS8059	Wine	12/08/08
AS8058	December Grain & Feed Update	12/03/08
AS8057	Cotton Quarterly Update	11/26/08
AS8056	Western Australia lifts ban on GM Cotton	11/25/08
AS8055	Fresh Deciduous Fruit Annual	11/21/08
AS8053	Citrus Annual	11/14/08
AS8052	November Grain Lockup	11/03/08
AS8051	Final IRA for Chicken Meat released by Biosecurity Australia	10/31/08
AS8049	Dairy Annual 2008	10/20/08
AS8048	Grain and Feed October Update 2008	09/26/08
AS8047	Sugar Semi-Annual	09/26/08
AS8046	Exporter Guide	09/15/08
AS8044	FAIRS Export Certificate Report	09/04/08
AS8043	2008 September Voluntary Grain Report	08/28/08
AS8041	Cotton Quarterly Lock-up	08/27/08
AS8040	Competitiveness of Grocery Pricing in Australia Investigated	08/20/08
AS8039	2008 Livestock Annual	08/22/08
AS8038	FAIRS Country Report	07/31/08
AS8037	The Australian Emissions Trading Scheme NFF Policy	07/22/08
AS8036	Draft Organic Standard Released for Comment	07/22/08
AS8035	Biotechnology Annual	07/15/08
AS8033	Grain and Feed Quarterly Update	07/08/08
AS8032	Wheat Reform Legislation Passes in Parliament	06/25/08
AS8030	Grain and Feed Situation Update	06/13/08
AS8029	Response to the "Safeguards Inquiry Into The Imports of Pigmeat"	06/06/08
AS8028	New Wheat Marketing Legislation Progresses Through Parliament	06/05/08
AS8027	Biofuels Annual	06/04/08
AS8026	Aust Govt Expresses Disappointment Over Farm Bill	05/27/08
AS8024	US Farm Bill: Lost Opportunity – Minister for Trade	05/19/08
AS8023	Dairy Semi-Annual	05/19/08