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Report Name: Australia Publishes Risk Assessment for Pacific Northwest Apples

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Report Highlights:

The Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) on October 31, 2022 completed and published the risk analysis for fresh apples (*Malus domestica*) from the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon and Idaho). In the report, DAFF recommended that the import of commercially produced fresh apples from the Pacific Northwest be permitted provided they meet the biosecurity import conditions.

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In the report, DAFF recommended that the import of commercially produced fresh apples from the Pacific Northwest be permitted provided they meet the biosecurity import conditions. All imports must come from commercial production areas of the Pacific Northwest.

The draft risk assessment was published more than two years ago on October 23, 2020, for a 90-calendar public consultation period. There were 62 submissions on the draft report and several changes were made to the final report following the review of the submissions and stakeholder comments.

According to DAFF, before imports can commence they will verify with the United States that the specified import conditions can be met. Once verified, DAFF will then publish import conditions on the Biosecurity Import Conditions system (BICON) and then issue import permits to importers who meet the import conditions.

The final risk analysis report released on October 31, 2022, as well as submissions to the draft risk analysis, can be found at <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/plant/apples-usa-2018>

Attachments:

[Final report for the review of biosecurity import requirements for fresh apple fruit from the Pacific Northwest states of the United States of America.pdf](#)