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Report Highlights:

The Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) has released the draft Biosecurity Import Risk Analysis (BIRA) for fresh apple fruit from the Pacific Northwest states of the United States of America (PNW-USA). Stakeholders are invited to comment on the draft report. Please note that submissions are due by COB, Thursday January 21, 2021 (Canberra time).

Background

The Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) has released the draft Biosecurity Import Risk Analysis (BIRA) for fresh apples from the Pacific Northwest states of the United States of America (PNW-USA). This risk analysis commenced in 2018 in response to a formal market access request in 1999, and a revised submission in 2007.

Australia has import policies for fresh apples from China, New Zealand, and Japan. All imports must meet Australia's biosecurity import conditions.

In the BIRA, the potential pests of biosecurity concern associated with fresh apples from PNW-USA include apple maggot, apple leaf curling midge, fruit/leaf roller moths, mites, thrips, mealybugs, fire blight, European canker, and fruit rots. The DAWE conducted further assessment to determine whether risk management measures will be required to achieve Australia's appropriate level of protection (ALOP).

The draft report, along with information on the BIRA process, can be found at: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/plant/apples-usa-2018>.

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Next Steps

Once submissions are received, the DAWE will review the comments before publishing a final report. The DAWE, U.S. government officials, and U.S. industry will consult on meeting the import requirements prior to the final conditions being published in the Biosecurity Import Conditions (BICON) system. Once this has happened, shipments are able to commence.

Attachments:

No Attachments.