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**DRAFT IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS REPORT FOR FRESH APPLE FRUIT**  
**FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

This Biosecurity Australia Advice notifies stakeholders of the release of the *Draft import risk analysis report for fresh apple fruit from the People's Republic of China*.

The draft report identifies 18 pests that require quarantine measures. Depending on the particular pests of concern, the proposed quarantine measures include recognition of pest free areas, systems approaches and visual inspection. This will be supported by an operational system to maintain and verify the quarantine status of consignments, and pre-clearance by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service.

This draft report is being issued for 60 days' consultation and written submissions will need to be provided to Biosecurity Australia by 23 March 2009.

Biosecurity Australia Advice 2008/05, of 17 March 2008, announced the formal commencement of an expanded, regulated import risk analysis (IRA) to consider a proposal to import fresh apple fruit from China. Biosecurity Australia Advice 2008/21, of 7 July 2008, announced the release of the *Issues paper for the import risk analysis of fresh apple fruit from the People's Republic of China*. Stakeholders' comments have been addressed in the draft IRA report, where appropriate. Biosecurity Australia Advice 2008/36, of 18 December 2008, notified stakeholders that the draft IRA report would be issued in late January 2009.

This Biosecurity Australia Advice notifies stakeholders of the release of the *Draft import risk analysis report for fresh apple fruit from the People's Republic of China*. Under the Quarantine Regulations 2000, stakeholders have until 23 March 2009 to provide written comments on the draft IRA report.

The draft IRA report identifies 18 quarantine pests, 16 for all of Australia and two pests of regional significance for Western Australia, that require quarantine measures to manage risks to a very low level in order to achieve Australia's appropriate level of protection (ALOP).

The identified quarantine pests are mites (2 species), Oriental fruit fly, mealybugs (2 species), moths (6 species), Japanese apple rust, Marssonina blotch, apple brown rot, European canker, apple scab, apple blotch, and sooty blotch and flyspeck complex.

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The draft report proposes a combination of risk management measures and operational systems that will reduce the risk associated with the importation of fresh apple fruit from China into Australia to achieve Australia's ALOP, specifically:

- area freedom for Oriental fruit fly, codling moth, European canker and apple scab
- orchard control and surveillance, and fruit bagging for other pests
- pressurised air blasting and inspection for mealybugs and mites and remedial action if quarantine pests are detected
- disinfection treatment in packing houses for sooty blotch and flyspeck and other quarantine pathogens
- a supporting operational system to maintain and verify the phytosanitary status of consignments
- verification of pest freedom and pre-export clearance by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service.

Codling moth and apple scab have been identified as quarantine pests for Western Australia. The proposed quarantine measures take account of these regional differences.

The draft report and information about the regulated IRA process are available from the Biosecurity Australia website, [www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au](http://www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au). Printed copies are available, if required.

Comments on the draft IRA report must be submitted by 23 March 2009 to:

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