

Subject: Inquiry into Import Risk Analysis for Pig Meat

PIC Australia is the largest pig breeding company in Australia and represents the largest pig breeding organisation of its kind in the world. We are present in thirty-four countries.

We contend that on behalf on PIC Australia that it is unwarranted that this country should endorse the introduction of uncooked pig meat that clearly represents a disease threat to the incumbent pig population and as a result would significantly destabilise the Australian Pork Industry.

There is no economic reason why pig meat should be imported from another country given that the Australian industry is internationally competitive and must be allowed to supply its market with market forces left as they currently exist.

The Australian Pig Industry is yet another rural industry that has come under increasing pressure from the decline in rural based infrastructure and has therefore had to survive with domestic grain pricing strategies and import strategies that inhibit the growth and development of the Australian Pork Industry.

This company is not opposed to the import of pig meat, it is opposed to the import of pig meat from regions where there are clearly disease threats such as Post-weaning Multisystemic Wasting Syndrome (PMWS) and Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) affected countries.

**In conclusion: do not allow uncooked pig meat into Australia from countries where disease is clearly present. Australia is currently free from these major diseases.**

Yours sincerely



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