

Recommendations

Recommendation 1

3.24 The Committee recommends that Biosecurity Australia requires that the trash free certification process be administered by AQIS officers in New Zealand in conjunction with their New Zealand counterparts.

Recommendation 2

3.47 The Committee recommends that Biosecurity Australia review the weighting given to the economic consequences in its risk modelling.

Recommendation 3

3.78 The Committee recommends that Biosecurity Australia require any inspection of New Zealand orchards for fire blight symptoms to be conducted by AQIS officers together with their New Zealand counterparts.

Recommendation 4

4.28 The Committee recommends that Biosecurity Australia review its communication channels with Australian stakeholders and actively seek to inform stakeholders of any amendments and other developments.

Recommendation 5

4.43 The Committee recommends that Biosecurity Australia reviews its public consultation programs to provide forums for meaningful exchange between themselves and stakeholders.

Recommendation 6

4.44 The Committee recommends that Biosecurity Australia reconsiders the Committee's predecessor's recommendation to develop guidelines which specify the purpose of the consultation so that all who attend public meetings have the same understanding of the nature of the outcomes that can be expected.

Note to readers

The Committee draws readers' attention to another of its reports – Administration of Biosecurity Australia – revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Philippines.

The two inquiries were conducted at the same time. There are some issues that arose in relation to both inquiries and the risk modelling recommendations in both reports are applicable to both inquiries.