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ANIMAL QUARANTINE POLICY MEMORANDUM 1999/55

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Australian Egg Industry Association
Aviculture Federation of Australia
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IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS: LIVE BIRDS - FLAMINGOES FROM CANADA

AMENDMENT TO THE SCOPE OF THE IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS

This Animal Quarantine Policy Memorandum (AQPM) seeks stakeholder comment on an expansion of the scope of the IRA to cover imports from all sources and confirms that the IRA will cover hatching eggs of flamingoes.

The Risk Analysis Panel (RAP) established to undertake the import risk analysis (IRA) of flamingoes from Canada held its first meeting by teleconference on 13 July 1999. Details on the RAP membership was contained in AQPM 1999/08 that advised the Executive Director of AQIS's determination on the non-routine approach and the RAP membership for this IRA. This advice was subject to an appeal period and no appeals were received.

Information recently received indicates it may not be possible to obtain flamingoes from Canada and the UK has been proposed by the perspective importer as an alternative source. In order to allow flexibility in sourcing, AQIS proposes to expand the scope of this IRA to include importation of flamingoes and hatching eggs of flamingoes from any country. The IRA will consider the importation of hatching eggs as this may address animal welfare concerns relating to long distance transport of adult flamingoes. The RAP supports the expanded scope of the IRA. AQIS does not propose to make any changes to the RAP membership proposed in AQPM 99/08.

Any stakeholder with significant concerns about the change to the scope of this IRA should provide details in writing to the contact officer, whose details appear below, by 3 September 1999.

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