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FINAL POLICY REVIEW: FRESH TABLE GRAPE BUNCHES (*VITIS* SPP.) IMPORTED INTO WESTERN AUSTRALIA FROM OTHER STATES AND TERRITORIES

The Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia has issued a final policy review regarding the importation of fresh table grape bunches from other Australian states and territories.

A preliminary pest categorisation was released for a 57 day stakeholder consultation period on 19 December 2014. Comments received through this consultation process were considered, and where necessary, changes were incorporated into the draft pest categorisation report.

A draft policy review was released for a 45 day stakeholder consultation period on 17 June 2015. The department considered all stakeholder submissions in the preparation of the final policy review and incorporated relevant information where appropriate.

A significant outcome of the stakeholder consultation was a review of potential hitchhiker species, which was incorporated into the final policy review.

The final policy review found that bitter rot, Phomopsis cane and leaf spot and Queensland fruit fly presented an unacceptable biosecurity risk to Western Australian industries, environment and communities. A range of specific risk mitigation measures (quarantine conditions) are recommended to reduce the biosecurity risks to an acceptable level.

The final policy review is available on the department's website https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/plant-biosecurity/table-grapes-final-policy-review.

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