



Subcommittee on Domestic Quarantine and Market Access Communiqué—SDQMA44

The Subcommittee on Domestic Quarantine and Market Access (SDQMA) met on 29-30 April 2015 in Perth. Regular meetings of the subcommittee ensure continued communication between members on regulatory arrangements for domestic quarantine and trade. The key issues discussed are highlighted below.

- **Application of Trade framework—seed potato case study**

The subcommittee noted the progress by the Department of Agriculture graduate project looking at integration of domestic and international trade processes for seed potatoes, and noted that the trade framework provides a useful basis on which to analysis and identify opportunities for harmonisation and/or streamlining interstate and export trade.

The subcommittee agreed that all potato seed testing scheme data frequency and type of testing be collated and all seed testing schemes be identified, and that Potato Cyst Nematode (PCN) be used as a test case.

- **Trade framework—progress and priorities**

The subcommittee noted progress to date in harmonising and/or streamlining specific components of the trade system, and agreed to next components of the trade framework to be recommended to PHC to address.

- **Electronic Certification**

That state jurisdictions are to provide Victoria with nominees to participate in a working group responsible for the development of Terms of Reference (ToR) and work plan to guide further implementation of E-certification.

- **Third Party Certification Services**

The subcommittee agreed to the requirements for using third party services to conduct surveillance to support area freedom claims. The state jurisdictions will work with the Department of Agriculture to develop a third party system that works for both groups certification needs.

- **Integration of Risk Analysis into SDQMA**

The subcommittee discussed how risk analysis expertise can be integrated into SDQMA and the formation of a Community of Practice for Pest Risk Analysis (CoPPRA). The subcommittee also agreed to form a working party to establish the CoPPRA, develop coordination arrangements and identify key activities for progressing national capability in pest risk analysis.

- **BioSecure HACCP pilot**

The subcommittee endorsed the BioSecure HACCP scheme and agreed to use interim measures to allow the trial to proceed while jurisdictions give consideration on how a national formalised agreement is put in place to support the scheme in the future plus the implementation of legislative change as required.

- **Red Imported Fire Ant (RIFA)—quarantine entry conditions**

The subcommittee agreed to review their respective current plant quarantine entry conditions for RIFA and to add the production and storage process for hay movements as an option for entry of hay into their state or territory. The subcommittee also endorsed a proposal for QLD to draft a national



Interstate Certification Assurance (ICA) Scheme protocol for the production and storage of hay from areas within 5 km from a known detection of RIFA.

- **Green snail replacement quarantine spray treatment**

The Committee endorsed the use of Methomyl and Thiodicarb as replacement sprays for green snail. ICA-25 and the green snail protocol will be updated to reflect the subcommittee's decision.

- **Progression of the Interstate Conditions Database (CODA)**

The subcommittee agreed that there is benefit in continuing to investigate an interstate conditions database (CODA), and also agreed to develop a project plan for this initiative.