

PEER REVIEW PLAN

Title of Review: Risk Management Analysis [X] **Influential Scientific Information**
for the Importation of Fresh
Lemon (*Citrus limon* (L.)
Burm. F.) Fruit from
Northwest Argentina into
the Continental United
States.

Agency: USDA, Animal and Plant [] **Highly Influential Scientific Assessment**
Health Inspection Service

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Subject of Review: This document is an analysis of the risk management strategy to address plant pest
risk associated with the importation of fresh commercially grown and packed lemon
fruit from Northwest Argentina.

The methodology used for the risk management analysis is consistent with
international guidelines as per the risk analysis standard, ISPM11 of the International
Plant Protection Organization. The risk management analysis draws from an
extensive collection of scientific evidence and other information regarding the pests of
lemon in Argentina. Much of the information regarding the nature of the management
strategy was provided by the national plant protection organization of Argentina. The
analysis involves an evaluation of the phytosanitary measures to deal with quarantine
pests.

Key pests of concern addressed by the risk management strategy include fruit flies,
moth borers and plant diseases, including *Guignardia citricarpa* (citrus black spot)
Xanthomonas citri subsp. *citri* (ex Hasse 1915) (citrus canker), *Elsinoe australis*
(sweet orange scab), *Ceratitis capitata* (Mediterranean fruit fly), *Cryptoblabes*
gnidiella (Milliere) (honeydew moth), *Gymnandrosoma aurantianum* Lima (citrus
fruit borer), and *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells, *et al.*) (citrus variegated chlorosis). The
diseases of concern are reported to be associated with the fruit in Argentina and could
be present in export shipments. The plant pest risk associated with insect pests,
including *Ceratitis capitata* (Medfly) is discussed in the context of extenuating
conditions associated with the nature of the export program.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of review is to confirm that the scientific information is sufficiently
complete to support the conclusions, that the conclusions are consistent with the
evidence, and that the rationale supporting conclusions is clear and convincing.
Reviewers should also evaluate the risk management analysis for conformity with
internationally accepted guidelines.

Type of Review: [] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers
[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 03/07/2008 End: 04/04/2008 Completed: 05/27/2008

Number of Reviewers: 3 or fewer 4 to 10 More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Risk Assessment, Plant Pathology, Entomology, International Standards

Reviewers selected by: Agency Designated Outside Organization

Organization's Name: RTI International

Opportunities for Public Comment on the Scientific Document? Yes No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How: Should a proposed rule be published that relies upon the revised risk analysis, the agency's response to the peer reviewers comments will be incorporated into the preamble to the proposed rule in the *Federal Register* and the public will be given an opportunity to comment on the scientific document on Regulations.gov.

When: _____

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? Yes No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? Yes No

Location of Document Being Reviewed A draft of "Risk Management Analysis for the Importation of Fresh Lemon (*Citrus limon* (L.) Burm. F.) Fruit from Northwest Argentina into the Continental United States" will be made available on Regulations.gov with the associated *Federal Register* notice.

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