



## AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION ISLAMABAD

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### **Press Release**

#### **Pakistani mango exports to Australia**

Pakistani mango exporters are now able to export fresh mangoes to Australia that have been treated with irradiation or hot water dip.

Australia has amended its import conditions to enable the export to Australia of fresh Pakistani mangoes which have been irradiated for fruit flies and mealy bugs. Pakistani exporters had previously been permitted to export fresh mangoes to Australia that had been treated by hot water dip.

The amended import conditions mean that mangoes for Australia from Pakistan are now able to be treated with either irradiation, at a minimum dose of 400Gray (maximum dose not to exceed 1000Gray), or the current hot water dip treatment.

Importers in Australia may now apply for an import permit for irradiated mangoes from Pakistan.

Under Australia's food regulations, irradiated mangoes must be labelled at point of sale – as set out in Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ). See [www.foodstandards.gov.au](http://www.foodstandards.gov.au) for further information.

The new measure will see Pakistan mangoes more widely available in the Australian marketplace for Australians to enjoy.

The Australian Department of Agriculture has worked closely with the Pakistan Department of Plant Protection to assess and approve the PARAS Foods irradiation facility in Lahore. The amended import conditions will apply to all potential Pakistani exporters of irradiated fresh mangoes.

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