

A satellite view of New Zealand, showing the North and South Islands, surrounded by the ocean and clouds. The image is positioned on the left side of the slide, with a black background on the right.

# Biosecurity Act Amendment - Update

MAF Biosecurity New Zealand

NEW ZEALAND. IT'S OUR  
PLACE TO PROTECT.



## Quick recap ...

- Proposed amendments were discussed at November and February workshops
- Cabinet made policy decisions in June 2010
- Cabinet paper is available at [www.biosecurity.govt.nz/biosec/pol/biosecurity-act-review](http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/biosec/pol/biosecurity-act-review)

# Key decisions for border risk management

- New duties for importers
- Changes to enable better targeting of risk – better information; flexibility re visual inspection
- Outcome-based import health standards
- New craft risk management standard
- New duties for transitional facilities

# Key compliance and enforcement decisions

- New strict liability offence for trying to evade detection when importing goods
- New Compliance Orders option
- New Civil Liability regime for some breaches of the Act

# Other areas for amendment

- Government-Industry Agreements – enabling provisions
- Farms On Line – information from local authorities
- Applying the Act to the EEZ – subject to the Law of the Sea
- Pest Management – national policy direction and binding the Crown to regional strategies

# Next Steps

- Drafting process with Parliamentary Counsel Office
- Introduction to Parliament by the end of 2010
- Select Committee process in first half of 2011
- Amendments passed in 2011
- Implementation ...