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## Update on the Biosecurity Surveillance Strategy

*The Biosecurity Surveillance Group is currently developing a strategy for a cross-sector national biosecurity surveillance system that will set the direction for New Zealand's future biosecurity surveillance activities.*

Since our last update, we've been reviewing useful comments from within MAF Biosecurity New Zealand on the development of the strategy, and we will be updating our draft framework where areas for improvement have been identified.

The next step is to get your input into developing the strategy. We're meeting with staff from other government departments shortly, and we'll be contacting a small group of other stakeholders within the next week or so, to request their assistance between 9<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> June to road test the structure and concepts, and to find out about what you'd like to see included.

We anticipate that the draft Biosecurity Surveillance Strategy will be available for public consultation during October and November, and will confirm these dates closer to the time.

Biosecurity Surveillance Strategy Development Process	
Development of the review of the current state of biosecurity surveillance	Completed
Internal consultation on the Biosecurity Surveillance Strategy	Completed
Briefings and workshops with other ministries and departments	April 2008
Limited release of discussion paper for comment by key stakeholders	9 May – 9 June 2008
Public release of the Biosecurity Surveillance Strategy for public consultation	October 2008

If you have any questions or comments, or do not wish to receive the updates on the Biosecurity Surveillance Strategy, please email [NZBiosecuritySurveillance@maf.govt.nz](mailto:NZBiosecuritySurveillance@maf.govt.nz)

