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## Update on the Biosecurity Surveillance Strategy

*The Biosecurity Surveillance Group is currently leading development of 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 have received approval from cabinet for the Biosecurity Surveillance Strategy. The Strategy was one of several cabinet papers submitted to cabinet with advice on initiatives to improve biosecurity readiness and response. A link to these documents can be found on our website <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/biosec/new-post-border>.

With the recent cabinet approval we have reviewed and updated our timeframes and pushed the implementation into the fourth quarter of 2009. We have been working on an Implementation Plan which defines the requirements to successfully implement the Strategy.

As mentioned in our previous update, we're are still working out how best to communicate with you regarding the actions, and how we'll be involving you in this work – a shared responsibility is being promoted, to ensure that you have confidence in a biosecurity surveillance system which supports New Zealand's vision for biosecurity.

We'll be providing more detail in future updates regarding how we will be seeking your involvement in the implementation of the strategy, and the timeframes for the work.

<b>Biosecurity Surveillance Strategy Development Process</b>	
Development of the review of the current state of biosecurity surveillance	Completed
Public release of the draft Biosecurity Surveillance Strategy for public consultation	Completed
Review of submissions and updating the Biosecurity Surveillance Strategy	Completed
Limited release of updated Biosecurity Surveillance Strategy for comment by key stakeholders	Completed
Cabinet approval for final Biosecurity Surveillance Strategy	September 2009
Work on implementing actions arising from the strategy commences	November 2009

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)



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