



BIOSECURITY COSTS REGS. / LEVY ORDERS REVIEW PROJECT – NEWSLETTER #2 – November 2008.

Welcome to the Biosecurity Costs Regulations / Levy Orders Review Project. This is the first Project Newsletter to everyone with an interest in the Biosecurity costs and levies review. Newsletter #1 was for MAF staff information.

The Project Team members have been drawn from the front line throughout New Zealand and has specialists from a number of areas within MAF, e.g. Audit, Quality and Training, MAF Finance, Policy and Risk, etc. There are two parts to this first phase of work; i) what costs and levies are we collecting, where and how do we collect them, ii) what does it cost us to undertake the work for which we are charging, where and how are these costs generated.

The Project Team have been busy documenting the ‘as it is’ or ‘current state’ and have now started their data validation phase of work. They have been visiting MAF work sites as a part of the validation work, and also to ascertain from the front line what works well and what doesn’t. At each work site visited, they are also being introduced to two of that sites stakeholder and are asking the same questions of them.

This phase of the project will take us through to early December 2008.

It will be early 2009 before we have the material required to go out to industry in consultation over any proposed changes to either the Biosecurity Costs Regulations or the Levy Orders.

In the next project newsletter (they will be monthly); we will advise of and provide a link to an area of the MAFBNZ web site where we will post the newsletters and the frequently asked questions and answers. We will also be using the New Zealand Customs Service “Friday Release” as a means of keeping everyone informed of the project’s progress.

I would like to take this opportunity to say “thank you” to all of those managers and staff who have supplied information and feedback to date. The Project Team understands that you are busy and so really does appreciate your efforts in meeting our requests.

Should you have any questions about the project, or should you wish to provide feedback to assist the Project Team, please contact me directly (029 9098519) or via e-mail howard.webber@maf.govt.nz The Project Team and I look forward to working with you. Howard Webber, Project Manager, MAFBNZ.