



**BIOSECURITY COSTS
REGULATIONS / LEVY ORDERS
REVIEW PROJECT –
PROGRESS UPDATE #5 – March 2009.**

The Business Steering Group, comprising MAFBNZ Directors and the Chief Financial Officer, have been working with the Project Team to develop options for stakeholder consultation. Additional work has been undertaken to produce ‘scenarios’ for the various import pathways that will allow comparison between the current costs structure and the proposed costs structure.

This additional work has pushed our programme back by four weeks, which now means that we are now scheduled to go out for consultation on the 18th June 2009. The revised implementation date is 2nd November 2009.

For those CBAFF members who saw my presentation of the 18th March at the Jet Park, you will note that this implementation date is now one month later than the proposed date in the presentation.

The project has consulted with a number of internal and external projects to ensure that we are developing our charging and levy structures along the same lines. We have also been discussing with the Joint Border Management System team their charges and levy application proposals for inclusion in the Stage Two Business Case.

We would like to thank all those who have recently participated in discussions on forecasting volumes of activity in their respective areas of operation. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

Our thanks also go to those in the MAFBNZ work sites who have been working with the Project Team to validate activity and volumes data for their areas. All of this material has gone in to the financial and consumption models, including the forecast data mentioned above. Collectively this information will give us a relatively clear picture of the work required over the next three years and the cost of that work activity.

Information on the project activities and progress can be found at –
<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/cont-carg/costs-regs-levy-orders-project>

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 at howard.webber@maf.govt.nz
The Project Team and I look forward to working with you.
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