



**BIOSECURITY COSTS
REGULATIONS / LEVY ORDERS
REVIEW PROJECT –
PROGRESS UPDATE #6 – May 2009.**

Work is progressing with the review and simplification of the charging for services within the Costs Regulations. We have reduced the number of individual applicable charges and have also structured a number to be applicable in certain environments only, e.g. at a port.

MAF Biosecurity New Zealand has been using the activity time taken and volumes model developed by the project to assist in reviewing their 2009/10 budgets to reduce expenditure. The current drop in import volumes in some areas, in conjunction with ever changing forecasts, has resulted in this task taking longer than expected.

As mentioned in previous Progress Updates, we have also been working closely with like and interdependent projects, internally and externally of MAF to ensure that we are structuring our charging and levies along the same lines.

As soon as the businesses have finalised their budgets, we will make the final adjustments to both Options One and Two, and to the scenarios for consultation. Our planned date for seeking Cabinet authorisation to go out to consultation is about to pass. We have therefore set a new implementation date of Monday 30th November 2009.

This new calendar now schedules consultation for the six weeks of 17th July through 27th August 2009. We will continue to keep everyone informed of the project's progress through the various stages of its development.

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
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