Response Guide JWG
Meeting 3/2014

15 October, 9am – 1230pm

Communiqué

Present

Members
Bill Dyck; FOA
Ed Massey; MPI
Gisele Irvine; *multiple horticulture*
Katherine Clift; MPI
Kimberly Crewther; Dairy NZ
Mike Butcher; Pipfruit NZ
Philip Manson; NZ Winegrowers

Coordinator
Amelia Pascoe; MPI
Advisors
Brendan Gould; MPI Surveillance & Investigation
Hilary Kendall; GIA Project Manager, MPI
Observers
Sarah Vaughan; GIA Secretariat
Victoria Moss; MPI Communications

Apologies: Chris Baddeley (MPI); Chris Morley (DCANZ); Kate Hellstrom (MPI).

Note: Barry O'Neil (KVH); Moira Lymburn (MPI); Trish Pearce (NZEHA); Michael Brooks (PIANZ and EPF) have now withdrawn from the JWG.

Matters discussed

The purpose of this meeting was to:

1. Agree revised wording for the rapid notification section of the GIA Response Guide – taking into consideration feedback from Forum participants
2. Finalise overall content of the GIA Response Guide – taking into consideration feedback from Forum participants
3. Develop recommendations for release of the GIA Response Guide, including induction, promotion and communication requirements
4. Agree requirements for formatting and publication of the Guide
5. Recommend next steps for progressing rapid operational agreement requirements ie, development of an operational agreement in a response situation where there isn't one in place

Revised rapid notification section: The JWG agreed revised wording to be incorporated into the GIA Response Guide, for endorsement by the TDGG.

Finalise overall content of the GIA Response Guide: The JWG considered all Forum feedback and where appropriate, agreed revised wording in the GIA Response Guide. A table consolidating feedback from Forum participants, including the JWG's consideration of these will be circulated to Forum participants along with the final version of the GIA Response Guide.

A significant part of the discussion was around definition and use of the terms 'potentially affected' and 'directly affected' Signatories. The Deed does not define these terms, so the JWG agreed what they felt was a reasonable interpretation. An explanatory table will be incorporated into the final version of the GIA Response Guide. The JWG will also recommend to the TDGG that the definition and use of these terms are tightened up as part of the first review of the GIA Deed.

Recommendations for release of the Guide: These discussions extended to formatting and publication requirements. The GIA Response Guide has been developed to help Signatories understand and feel confident in their roles as decision-makers in a GIA response. However, the GIA Response Guide is just a tool and the JWG identified a range of supporting activities that would be required to meet this objective. MPI and the GIA Secretariat will develop a communications plan based on these recommendations. The draft plan will be sent to the JWG for review, before being passed to the TDGG for endorsement, and subsequent implementation.

Rapid operational agreements: The Deed requires that where there is no existing operational agreement for a new GIA response, then one needs to be agreed as soon as possible. The JWG felt that developing an associated process, including any supporting tools should be a priority. The JWG proposed that a sub-group of the JWG take the lead on this, using the existing operational agreement template and lessons learned from the fruit fly pilot, as a starting point. Nominated sub-group representatives were: Amelia Pascoe (Coordinator), Bill Dyck, Ed Massey, Gisele Irvine, and Kimberly Crewther.

Next steps

MPI will update the GIA Response Guide to reflect what was agreed by the JWG, and conduct a final editorial review.

This final version will be submitted to the TDGG for endorsement, along with the JWG's consideration of Forum feedback, and an induction and communications plan to support official release of the GIA Response Guide.

If the TDGG supports the proposed work to progress a rapid operational agreement process and template, then the nominated sub-group will initiate this work stream.