

GIA Biosecurity Forum 2014/II

Agenda



3 & 4 September 2014, Auckland

The GIA Biosecurity Forum is open to GIA Deed Signatories, primary industry organisations and representatives from other organisations that have a role in NZ's biosecurity system.

Register online at www.gia.org.nz.

Wednesday, 3 September: Pre-forum events

MPI's biosecurity operations

When: 9.30 am – 3.30 pm

Where: Start and finish at the Novotel, Auckland International Airport, Ray Emery Drive, Auckland

MPI is offering forum delegates the opportunity to learn more about its biosecurity operations and visit working sites near the Airport. It is a great opportunity to see border operations in practice and how they integrate with pre- and post-border activities.

Morning session: Import Health Standards and Intelligence

MPI managers will give presentations covering:

- Import Health Standards – what they are, how they are developed and their role
- Use of intelligence – risk profiling, deployment of resources and reporting

Afternoon session: Site visits

Delegates can choose to visit two of the following operational sites:

- Passenger clearance at Auckland International Airport – the visit will concentrate on the layered approach to Border Clearance covering risk assessment.
- A transitional facility – this visit will concentrate on the Biosecurity Act and its application in the devanning of containers with particular emphasis of the roles of MPI and the designated operator and authorised persons.
- International Mail Centre – this is a site where intelligence does not add significant value so requires a high level of intervention and an in-depth knowledge of relevant IHSs.
- Fast freight/air cargo – this is the fastest growing pathway with large amounts of fresh produce among other goods coming through. The visit will focus heavily on the steps around the clearance of cargo.
- Target evaluation at the Auckland Biosecurity Centre – this activity is the most critical in the cargo pathway where manifests are assessed for biosecurity risk and decisions made on whether they may be released or whether they require further intervention.

Note: Participants will need to have photo ID and wear closed shoes for the site visits.

GIA 101: An introduction to GIA

When: 3.30 – 5.00 pm

Where: Novotel, Auckland International Airport, Ray Emery Drive, Auckland

This 90 minute session is for organisations and individuals who want to 'come up to speed' with GIA before the Forum. Attendees will be introduced to GIA, and given an overview of:

- What it is
- How it works
- Who is involved
- How it is being implemented.

For people new to GIA, this session will give them the background information they need to take part in the GIA Biosecurity Forum.

Thursday, 4 September: GIA Biosecurity Forum

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When: 9am – 4.50pm, with a networking session from 4.50 to 6 pm.

Where: Novotel, Auckland International Airport, Ray Emery Drive, Auckland

8.30 Coffee/tea on arrival

9.00 Welcome, Geoff Gwyn, Chair of the Transitional Deed Governance Group, representing MPI.

9.10 GIA: the big picture, Lois Ransom, GIA Secretariat Manager

Ms Ransom will outline past and current progress with implementing the GIA Deed, providing the context for the day's discussion.

9.30 Response in partnership: the GIA Response Guide and rapid notification, Amelia Pascoe, Ministry for Primary Industries, Members of the Response Guide Joint Working Group, Brendan Gould, Ministry for Primary Industries

At the March Biosecurity Forum, delegates agreed to establish a joint industry and MPI working group to develop and test a guide to manage biosecurity responses under GIA. Ms Pascoe and members of the Joint Working Group will discuss the feedback received on the guide and the next steps for finalising it.

A challenging issue for the group was clarifying what is meant by the GIA Deed's provision for MPI to rapidly notify affected signatories when a suspected unwanted organism is detected (Clause 3.2.2 b of the GIA Deed). In this session delegates will have the opportunity to workshop their perspectives on rapid notification to inform the development of additional guidance.

Background Reading:

- Forum discussion paper: GIA response guide - Delegates will be asked to agree this paper's recommendations.

10.40 Morning break

11.00 Money matters: guidance on cost sharing and fiscal caps, Adam Benseman, GIA Secretariat and the Financial Arrangements Joint Working Group

The Financial Arrangements Joint Working Group, established by the agreement of delegates at the March Biosecurity Forum, has issued a framework and principles to assist the negotiation of cost-shares and fiscal caps consistent with Deed rights and obligations. The Joint Working Group will discuss the feedback it received, the lessons learnt from testing it, and the final steps for giving Signatories what they need.

Background Reading:

- Forum discussion paper: Establishing cost shares and fiscal caps - Delegates will be asked to agree this paper's recommendations.

12.00 Working it out together: developing operational agreements, Phillip Manson, NZ Winegrowers, and the Interim Fruit Fly Council

Mr Manson, Chair of the Interim Fruit Fly Council, and other members of the council will share the approach being taken to develop an operational agreement for fruit flies, and provide an update on where it is at.

12.30 Lunch

1.20 **State of play: New Zealand's biosecurity**, Andrew Coleman, Ministry for Primary Industries

Mr Coleman will share MPI's current and planned activities across the wider biosecurity system, with a focus on performance, improvement, and collaboration.

1.50 **Interpreting minimum commitments: what do they mean for industry**, Kimberly Crewther, Dairy NZ, and Andrew Harrison, Kiwifruit Vine Health

Dairy NZ and KVH have undertaken work to understand what the GIA Deed's minimum commitments for industry mean in practice. In this discussion session delegates can learn about the approach each organisation has taken, the drivers for doing the work, and the lessons learned along the way. This will inform delegates own understanding of what signing the Deed will mean.

3.00 Afternoon break

3.20 **Moving forward with GIA**, Lois Ransom, GIA Secretariat

The Joint Working Groups have identified outstanding issues that need resolution, and additional issues will have been identified through the day's discussions. This session will begin with a presentation from Ms Ransom, outlining the work that needs to be done to implement the Deed in the coming years. Delegates will then be asked to workshop the outstanding issues to identify priority areas of work and options for resolving them.

Background Reading:

- GIA five year plan (Draft to be released in August)
- Forum information paper: GIA implementation – issues arising

4.40 **Conference wrap up**, Geoff Gwyn, Transitional Deed Governance Group member representing the Ministry for Primary Industries, and Chair of the Transitional Deed Governance Group.

4.50 **Drinks and nibbles**

About the Forum

The GIA Biosecurity Forum is organised by the Secretariat for the Government Industry Agreement for Biosecurity Readiness and Response (GIA) on behalf of the GIA Transitional Deed Governance Group. This forum is the opportunity for all parties with an interest in GIA to come together to:

- **Share experience and practice related to GIA**, with a particular focus on minimum commitments and operational agreements
- **Direct the work programme for implementing GIA**, particularly in relation to how managing biosecurity responses, cost sharing for readiness and response activities, and setting fiscal caps.

For more information about GIA, please visit www.gia.org.nz

Background reading can be downloaded from:

<http://www.gia.org.nz/News/tabid/3565/ID/1804/Biosecurity-Forum-2014II.aspx>

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