

## **GIA Deed Governance Group (DGG)**

### **Meeting Summary: 26 August 2016**

#### **GIA Objectives 2016-2019**

The DGG discussed a set of proposed objectives for the partnership over the next few years, and agreed in principle, a specific objective for the 2016/2017 performance year. This will form the basis of the Secretariat's work plan and includes the following key objectives to be achieved by 30 June 2017:

- The majority of primary sector industry groups have made a decision on whether or not to seek a mandate to join GIA.
- All necessary infrastructure is completed and all necessary operational policy for implementation is completed.
- Money is changing hands for agreed readiness activities.
- Agreements are in place for joint decision making in responses, along with a process for where no agreement is in place.
- Deed governance is fit for purpose, capability is building across the system and the partners are exchanging biosecurity expertise.
- GIA approach to research coordination is agreed and work is underway.
- The place of the GIA partnership in the biosecurity system is understood, accepted, and happening.

#### **Biosecurity System Governance and B2025**

The DGG discussed its preferences for governance of the biosecurity system and the associated role for the GIA partnership. It was agreed the group would make a brief submission to the current B2025 consultation and look at ways to be involved in finalising the future strategy.

#### **GIA Governance Framework**

With the continued growth of the GIA partnership, and finalisation of the first operational agreement, the DGG has begun considering the ideal future governance structure of the partnership. The DGG agreed a set of principles for GIA's governance framework. Over time DGG expects to evolve into a signatory council (meeting 2-3 time per annum in the GIA forum) and to establish an executive committee to oversight the day-to-day operations of the partnership. Decisions in this regard are expected to be finalised at the next DGG meeting.

### **GIA Deed Review**

The DGG further considered proposals for changing the GIA Deed and noted no critical issues have been identified that are restricting the implementation of GIA. A small number of potential changes have now been identified that the DGG is likely to recommend Signatories make, none of which will change the scope or intent of the Deed. The DGG asked the Secretariat to draft up the proposed changes, to be further considered by the DGG, then seek any further feedback stakeholders may have.

### **Import Health Standards process changes**

MPI's Manager Import & Export Plants joined the meeting and provided an overview of forthcoming changes to the Import Health Standard process.

### **GIA Health and Safety Policy**

The DGG received legal advice regarding the Health & Safety responsibilities of partners under GIA and adopted an operational health and safety policy for itself. As health & safety responsibilities will extend through operational agreements and responses held under GIA, the DGG agreed to ask Signatories to current and future operational agreements to also act on the advice provided.

### **Disposal of waste from re-packed imports**

The DGG considered a paper regarding disposal of waste from re-packed imports was noted and agreed to set up a small sub-group of the DGG to work on a proposal for possible future action.

### **Annual Report**

The DGG noted that the second GIA Annual Report has now in draft, and expected to be released next month

### **Next meeting**

The next DGG meeting is scheduled for 4 October 2016.