### A7 - Key biosecurity fora of relevance for GIA

The GIA Deed identifies specific engagement fora for GIA Partners to discuss biosecurity matters. Table One (below) provides information on these GIA specific fora. Table Two lists other key fora which have wider membership than GIA Partners, but that provide important opportunities for MPI and industry to identify, discuss and work together on biosecurity system activities of mutual interest.

**Table One - Specific engagement fora for GIA Partners**

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| **Forum** | **Purpose** | **Lead** | **Attendees** | **Frequency**  | **Reporting** | **More info** |
| **GIA Deed Governance Group (DGG)** | The ultimate decision making body for GIA.The ‘owners’ of the GIA partnership, the Deed and GIA ‘assets’  | Geoff Gywn, MPI (Chair) | **Members:** One representative from each GIA Partner.**Observers:** as determined by DGG members**Administration:** GIA Secretariat | Bi-annually – generally through the GIA Biosecurity Forum (refer below) | GIA website – includes GIA Secretariat Annual ReportGIA newsletter (subscribe from [www.gia.org.nz](http://www.gia.org.nz)) | GIA website [here](http://www.gia.org.nz/About-GIA/Governance)  |
| **GIA Executive Committee (EC)** | To govern the day-to-day operations of GIA on behalf of the DGG | As appointed by the EC | 3-5 nominated members of the GIA DGG. Standing invitation for any other GIA DGG members to attend. | Approx. 6 times/year | Agendas and minutes of all EC meetings will be sent to DGG members | GIA website [here](http://www.gia.org.nz/About-GIA/Governance) |
| **GIA Biosecurity Fora** | For Partners to share information and knowledge of the GIA and the biosecurity system The means by which Partners will work together to enhance the biosecurity system  | GIA Secretariat Manager | Representatives from GIA Partner organisationsObservers as agreed by DGG members | Bi-annual | GIA websiteGIA newsletter (subscribe from [www.gia.org.nz](http://www.gia.org.nz)) | GIA website [here](http://www.gia.org.nz/News-Events/articleType/CategoryView/categoryId/467/Biosecurity-Forum) |
| **Annual meeting between MPI and each individual GIA Partner** | To provide a report of general and industry-specific biosecurity risk management outcomes.To enable bilateral discussions on the biosecurity risks for the sector and their management. | MPI senior leader (TBC),GIA Partner sector representative | As agreed between parties | Annually | As agreed between parties | Refer GIA Deed on the GIA website |
| **Sector-based Councils (SBCs)** | Convenient bodies to coordinate activities across a range of Signatories and Operational Agreements within allied sectors | As appointed by each SBC | To be determined case-by-caseMay include DGG members + non-members; could be made up of representatives from each OA under the umbrella of the SBC | As defined in the associated TOR | As defined in the associated TOR | GIA website [here](http://www.gia.org.nz/About-GIA/Governance) |
| **Fruit Fly Council** | To ensure that the fruit fly OA is managed in an effective and timely manner in accordance with agreed strategic outcomes and principles.  | Barry O’Neil (Chair) | MPI, GIA industry Partners from the plant sector and potential Signatory representatives that would be affected by fruit fly, and the GIA Secretariat. | Monthly | Meeting notes (attendees only)GIA websiteGIA newsletter (subscribe from [www.gia.org.nz](http://www.gia.org.nz)) | GIA website [here](http://www.gia.org.nz/Activities/Fruit-Fly-Management) (incl. TOR)  |
| **(Interim) FMD Council** | To negotiate an FMD operational agreement – to help livestock industries develop a case for obtaining mandate from their sectors to join GIA.Once the FMD OA comes into effect, the Council will likely be replaced by a Livestock Sector Council (LSC). The role and function of the LSC will be confirmed at this time. | Gavin Forrest (Independent Chair) | MPI, GIA animal sector industry Partner and potential Signatory representatives that would be affected by FMD, and the GIA Secretariat. | Monthly | Meeting notes (attendees only)GIA newsletter (subscribe from [www.gia.org.nz](http://www.gia.org.nz)) | GIA website [here](http://www.gia.org.nz/Activities/FMD-Council) |

**Table Two - Biosecurity fora of relevance for GIA Partners, but that have broader membership**

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| **Forum** | **Purpose** | **Lead** | **Attendees** | **Frequency**  | **More info** |
| **MPI Biosecurity Governance Board** | To govern on behalf of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), MPI’s leadership role within the Biosecurity System To ensure the effective performance of the biosecurity system now and in the future | Chair – MPI Chief Operations Officer (Roger Smith) | MPI Directors with key responsibilities for biosecurity | Bi-monthly | Charter available on internal MPI system [here](https://piritahi.cohesion.net.nz/Sites/GOV/BGB/SupportingDocuments/BB%20Charter%20v1.0.pdf#search=biosecurity%20charter) and available on request |
| **Biosecurity Ministerial Advisory Committee (BMAC)** | To provide high quality independent advice to the Minister for Primary Industries on the performance of New Zealand’s biosecurity system | Chair – Graeme Marshall | Appointed by the Minister for Primary Industries to ensure a variety of perspectives, skills and interests are represented. Currently includes members with local government, CRI, industry, and university backgrounds | Quarterly | Visit MPI website [here](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/about-mpi/governance-and-structure/advisory-committees/biosecurity-ministerial-advisory-committee/)[BMAC Terms of Reference](https://www.google.co.nz/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=2&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwjQvp2F-rLOAhXLmZQKHQdcBXkQFggkMAE&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mpi.govt.nz%2Fdocument-vault%2F12876&usg=AFQjCNGvTOP_8CL638toe3ALUZG-BCvvVg&bvm=bv.129391328,d.dGo) |
| **Animal Trade Advisory Council (ATAC)** | A consultative committee designed to:* Represent participants in relation to implementation of relevant legislation
* Provide leadership, analysis and advice for development of relevant standards and strategies
* Advise MPI on service delivery against standards
 | Independent Chair – Jim Edwards | Representatives from animal germplasm import and export industry groups and MPI | Quarterly | Email: animalexports@mpi.govt.nzTOR available on request |
| **Fresh Produce Advisory Committee (FreshPAC)** | A consultative forum that:* Provides leadership, analysis and advice for development of relevant standards and strategies
* Provides input and advice to priority setting in the fresh produce work programme
* Provides advice on the practical uptake of major new initiatives affecting fresh produce imports
* Identifies whether communication processes around critical decisions are in line with agreed policies
* Advises MPI on service delivery against standards
 | Chair – Stephen Butcher (MPI) | Representatives from the fresh produce import industry, major stakeholders and MPI | As required (meeting dates set one year in advance) | PlantImports@mpi.govt.nzTOR available on request |
| **Plants Market Access Council (PMAC)** | A Partnership between the NZ plants Industry and Government to promote market access. | Chair – Dr Russ BallardSecretariat – Helen Gear | Representatives from:* Industry body and sectors
* MPI and MFAT
* Plant export service providers
 | Quarterly (+ AGM) | [www.pmac.co.nz](http://www.pmac.co.nz)  |
| **Germplasm Advisory Council (Germac)** | A consultative forum that works collaboratively to:* Encourage open communication about import regulations
* Provide input into strategic direction, policy development, priority setting, and cost-effective delivery of the germplasm import programme
 | Chair – John Liddle (New Zealand Plant Producers Incorporated - NZPPI) | Representatives from plant germplasm import industry groups and MPI | Quarterly | Visit MPI website [here](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/germac/)Visit NZPPI website [here](http://nginz.co.nz/advocacy/107-226/germac)TOR available on request |