**GIA Deed Governance**

**Meeting Summary – 15 December 2015 & 4 March 2016**

The GIA (Transitional) Deed Governance Group met on 15 December 2015 and on 4 March 2016. This report summarises the key discussion items and decisions at each meeting. Note that some of these matters were also covered in the final Secretariat newsletter for 2015.

**TDGG Meeting 15 December 2015**

*Deed review*

TDGG has begun planning for the review of Deed implementation required two years after the first signing of the Deed (May 2014). TDGG agreed high level timings for the review, and confirmed it considers consultation with both Signatory and potential Signatory (and other) stakeholder groups will be important to the process. The Secretariat will shortly commence a process to implement the Deed review.

*Deed Governance Group status*

With the recent arrival of two additional Signatories, and further sectors close to signing the Deed, along with the near completion of the first Operational Agreement, and the impending review of the Deed, the governance group agrees that GIA is now sufficiently operational to no longer be considered ‘transitional’. Accordingly, from 1 January 2016, the group will simply be known as the Deed Governance Group (DGG).

*Fruit fly Operational Agreement*

TDGG noted that during the Interim Fruit Fly Council’s negotiations to finalise its Operational Agreement (OA), questions arose about the treatment of decisions made by GIA Signatories – pushing completion of the OA into 2016. DGG agreed to consider the various options to resolve the questions raised, and to review the matter again at the first meeting of 2016.

**DGG Meeting 4 March 2016**

*DGG leadership and membership for 2016*

MPI’s representative, Geoff Gwyn, was re-elected as Chair for a further 12 months. DGG also agreed in principle to consider appointing a Deputy Chair, and will consider options at the next meeting. DGG decided to continue with the approach of inviting observers (representing near-Signatories and specific pan-sector interests) to participate in governance group discussions.

*Fruit fly Operational Agreement*

Earlier in February 2016, the Interim Fruit Fly Council met and agreed a proposed way forward on the treatment of industry Signatory liability under GIA. DGG noted the progress of the Interim Fruit Fly Council to finalise the OA and endorsed its efforts to conclude negotiations. It is now expected the OA can be finalised over forthcoming months.

*GIA Forum*

DGG agreed that it will hold one GIA Biosecurity Forum in the 2016 calendar year. It is expected this will be a Signatory-only event.

*Meeting with BMAC Chair*

Graeme Marshall, the Chair of the Biosecurity Ministerial Advisory Committee attended the meeting to discuss governance of the biosecurity system, and the emerging role of DGG. Whilst this is a work in progress, all agreed it is important that dialogue is maintained. It was agreed the groups will continue to explore ways to work together in the future.

**Next meeting**

The next DGG meeting is scheduled for 5 April 2016.