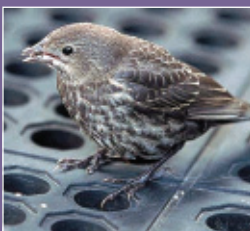
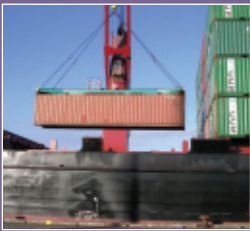


# BUG BUSINESS

## Biosecurity Requirements explained!

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## BioSecurity

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Bug Business is The AgriChain Centre's quarterly, plain English newsletter for TFOs (operators of Biosecurity Transitional Facilities). It's designed to help you understand and meet your Biosecurity obligations which are changing under the MAF BNZ TF-GEN Standard.

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## 1. CHANGES TO IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL

The Import Health Standard (ISPM 15) for Wood Packaging Material (thicker than 6mm) has changed.

### The most significant changes are:

1. MAF BNZ inspection is required for all Wood Packaging that is determined as not meeting the updated quarantine declaration requirements effective from January 2010.
2. MAF BNZ inspectors are now able to inspect and release non-complying Wood Packaging material. In the past they could only order treatment, destruction or reshipping.

### What does this mean for you?

- MAF BNZ is actively profiling all consignments for non-conforming Wood Packaging, which is likely to result in a greater number of containers being inspected. This is estimated to involve a further 3% of all container imports - around 18-20,000 containers.

**All Wood Packaging material profiled by MAF BNZ as being non-compliant will be inspected at your expense!**

- To avoid costly inspections and related delays, it is vital that you ensure that your supplier is using the current quarantine declaration for every shipment. From January 2010, only this version of the quarantine declaration is deemed to be compliant. The declaration is downloadable at: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/forms/containers-declaration>

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- For Accredited Persons, there are no changes to your usual procedures. BUT you still need to check for pests and diseases whether or not the Wood Packaging material is stamped.
- If there is any issue, the problem still needs to be contained and reported immediately to MAF.

**AVOID COSTLY INSPECTIONS AND DELAYS!  
MAKE SURE YOUR SUPPLIER IS USING THE UPDATED QUARANTINE DECLARATION!**

## 2. NEW IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR SEA CONTAINERS

The revised Import Health Standard for Sea Containers (SEACO) came into effect on 1 October 2009. The main change to the Standard is to provide more emphasis on ensuring that MAF Biosecurity Authority Clearance Certificate (BACC) instructions are followed for all containers.

The new Import Health Standard specifies the clearance outcomes that must be met. It is accompanied by a guidance document which provides more information, including details of what actions MAF will undertake to verify compliance with the Standard.

**Some important sections of the Standard come into effect on 1 March 2010.**

These are:

1. Information must be received by MAF/Customs 12 hours in advance of a container's arrival in New Zealand. If not, the container will require MAF inspection.
2. The direction of containers between the importer/agent, transport operators and transitional facilities must be able to be tracked. In other words the handling of containers must be traceable **and** documented.
3. Controls on uncleared transhipped containers between ports.
4. All high regulatory interest containers will be processed by MAF BNZ at the first port of discharge.

**If you need more information or assistance about your responsibilities under the SEACO Standard, call The AgriChain Centre in the first instance on freephone 0800 247 424.**

## 3. A REMINDER ABOUT INTERNAL TRAINING

The Transitional Facility Standard (TF-GEN) under which TFOs operate requires every TFO to undertake internal training in relation to Biosecurity. This means that you need to provide internal training in situations such as:

- New staff induction. It is also advisable to give all relevant staff a yearly training update.
- Changes to procedures on the site which may affect Biosecurity.
- Changes in the location of Biosecurity resources, e.g. website links to information.
- Changes notified by MAF through email alerts or the CTF Bulletin or The AgriChain's Bug Business newsletters.

As the country's most experienced Independent Biosecurity Training Provider, The AgriChain Centre provides a comprehensive range of cost-effective training and support services to help you stay on top of your Biosecurity compliance requirements.

### **Need to sign up for TFO training?**

**Call us on freephone 0800 247 424**

**or email Jessica Wallace at: [jwallace@agrchain-centre.com](mailto:jwallace@agrchain-centre.com)**

**Website: [www.biosecuritysolutions.co.nz](http://www.biosecuritysolutions.co.nz)**

## Training Locations

The AgriChain Centre provides both Accredited Person training and Transitional Facility Operator Workshops in the following locations:

- North Shore Auckland
- South Auckland
- West Auckland
- Hamilton
- Tauranga
- Napier
- Palmerston North
- New Plymouth
- Wellington
- Nelson
- Christchurch
- Dunedin
- Invercargill

### TO MAKE A BOOKING

Phone 0800 247 424

Email:  
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## 4. THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNAL AUDITS

The TF-GEN Standard also requires TFOs to conduct Internal Audits of their Biosecurity procedures at a minimum of once per year. The AgriChain Centre recommends however that you have more frequent Internal Audits in order to manage the risk of failing a MAF BNZ Audit.

The consequences of failing a MAF BNZ Audit are more frequent Audits and added costs, so it's definitely safer and cheaper to conduct regular Internal Audits, especially if you have a large number of containers and staff involved.

Regular Internal Audits also ensure that your TFO Operating Procedures keep up with any changes at your site. Any significant changes must of course be notified to MAF BNZ.

### **Help with Internal Audits**

The AgriChain Centre can help you review and assess your Internal Audit procedures to ensure that you are always compliant with the MAF BNZ TF-GEN Standard. We will visit your Facility and assist with any changes to your documentation that may be required.

**For booking and enquiries call us on freephone 0800 247 424.**

## 5. WAYS THAT YOU CAN ENSURE YOUR MAF BNZ COMPLIANCE...

Failing a MAF Audit may result in an increased Audit frequency. This means increased cost! At The Agrichain Centre we are continuously focusing on how we can make life easier for our Transitional Facility Operator (TFO) clients.

The following services compliment our training programmes:

### **MAF BNZ Compliance Advice**

(For calls not exceeding 10 minutes that can be readily answered).

### **Biosecurity Operating Manual**

#### **Transitional Facility Receiving Sea Containers (Low Risk site)**

If you require a new operating manual but don't have the time or resources, we can assist you with writing your customised manual for your business. You will receive this in hard copy as well as a disk containing the document for updating. Your input is required to fill out a simple questionnaire.

### **Site Assessment only**

One of our experienced Biosecurity Team will visit your site to provide advice regarding your site in relation to MAF BNZ compliance.

### **Site Assessment and Biosecurity Operating Manual**

#### **Transitional Facility Receiving Sea Containers (Low Risk Combo package)**

This Biosecurity Manual and Site Assessment Combined Package option is a total solution for businesses that do not have the resources on hand to ensure they are compliant with MAF BNZ requirements.

### **Site Assessment and Biosecurity Operating Manual**

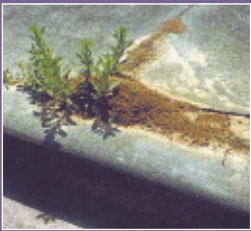
#### **Transitional Facility Receiving Risk Goods (High Risk Combo package)**

For Transitional Facilities receiving High Risk Goods, The Biosecurity Team at The AgriChain Centre can provide a complete Biosecurity Manual and Site Assessment Combined Package. The starting price for this service is \$700 + GST, but on each occasion we provide a quote based on your specific requirements.

### **Transitional Facility Audit with Written Report**

This option is ideal for an existing Transitional Facility site which has a MAF BNZ Audit pending. Over time things get misplaced, staff change and move on. Enlist our services to ensure you minimise your compliance costs. (One audit a year).

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For a full range of our Biosecurity services and prices please refer to our website: [www.agrichain-centre.com](http://www.agrichain-centre.com)

For booking and enquiries call us on freephone 0800 247 424.



## Ratecard

### Individual Training Courses

AP – Accredited Persons (MAF BNZ Biosecurity Awareness Training)	\$160.00*
TFO – Transitional Facility Operator Workshop	\$185.00*
AP/ TFO Combination – Same Person booked on courses	\$325.00*

\*Includes \$10 charge for MAF BNZ Certificate, Workshop Training material and morning tea or light refreshments.

### Multiple Booking Packages

TFO + 2 AP Package – Up to 3 Individuals	\$475.00*
TFO + 5 AP Package – Up to 6 Individuals	\$895.00*
TFO + TFO Deputy + 4 AP Package - Up to 6 Individuals	\$920.00*
AP Multiple Package – 8 individuals	\$1160.00*

\* Includes \$10 charge per person for MAF BNZ Certificate, Workshop Training material and morning tea or light refreshments.

### Please contact us for a range of In-house Training options (Min 8 persons)

All bookings need to be pre booked to qualify for the package price.  
Please note that bookings are subject to our cancellation / rebooking policy.

### Biosecurity Advice and Services

MAF BNZ Compliance advice Call Free - 0800 247 424	Free **
Site Assessment only	\$250.00*
Biosecurity Operating Manual – Transitional Facility (low risk)	\$350.00
Site Visit & Biosecurity Operating Manual – Transitional Facility (low risk)	\$500.00
Biosecurity Operating Manual –Transitional Facility (Risk Goods) from	\$700.00
Transitional Facility Audit with Written Report (Low and High Risk)	\$350.00
Transitional Facility Signage - refer <a href="http://www.agrichain-centre.com">www.agrichain-centre.com</a>	Free

\* Travel expenses may apply for regional premises

\*\* For Calls not exceeding 10 minutes

\*\*\* From \$700 For High Risk Facilities customised quotations are advised on application

### ATF Sea Container Initial Total Set Up Packages – Total Solution

Complete Biosecurity Solutions Package Standard (TFO and 2 AP's) Includes Training and MAF BNZ Certification for the Transitional Facility Operator and 2 Accredited Persons, Site Assessment and Consultation and a customised Operating Procedures Manual (Sea Container ATF)	\$1050.00
Complete Biosecurity Solutions Package Premier (TFO + TFO Deputy + 4 AP's) Includes Training and MAF BNZ Certification for the Transitional Facility Operator and Deputy Operator and 2 Accredited Persons, Site Assessment and Consultation and a customised Operating Procedures Manual (Sea Container ATF)	\$1500.00

**Free phone 0800 247 424 or contact our local regional managers for a customised quote tailored to your requirements**

All Prices are exclusive of GST

The AgriChain Centre Ltd - Biosecurity Rate Card - February 2010

## HOW CAN THE AGRICHAIN CENTRE HELP YOU?

In addition to training we are happy to help you write or review your written procedures/operating manuals and answer any queries you may have. If we are unsure or feel you need more specific advice relating to your site we will refer you to the most appropriate person to help.

**For any queries or bookings please call 0800 247 424.**