FRUIT FLY SURVEILLANCE Programme

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Welcome to Issue 5 of Bug Business. In this issue we advise regarding the name change from MAF to MPI, provide some update stats on the recent survey of facilities and baseline finds, plus review the Fruit Fly surveillance programme.

**WHAT’S IN A NAME?**

The government ministries of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Food are now all together under one roof and have a new name. **It is now The Ministry for Primary Industries or MPI.**

The focus of this newly combined Ministry is to:

- Maximise export opportunities for the primary industries;
- Improve primary sector productivity;
- Increase sustainable resource use;
- Protect New Zealand from biological risk.

**MPI Survey**

A recent MPI survey of Accredited Persons and Transitional Facility Operator attitudes to the training undertaken was recently conducted. General feedback appears to be positive to the training. MPI is currently analysing the data and will release this information in due course.

**Comparison of reported AP finds versus MPI figures**

Here is a summary of what AP checks are finding as compared to MPI baseline audits. We sourced this information from publicly available documents.

From an AP viewpoint we suggest perhaps a bit more time needs to be spent checking on seeds, soil and plant material. However, overall the results are reasonably similar. Good on you guys!

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**CLARIFICATION on Transitional Facility Operator Training RENEWALS**

A quick reminder that you need to check your training certification for the training renewal date.

Some Operators are getting confused with the Facility Approval Certificates (saying valid until revoked), unfortunately that is not the case. Training is required every 4 years for Operators.

A recent update meeting with MPI has provided some interesting information.

In summary, the majority of transitional facilities comply with Biosecurity requirements most of the time - approximately (70%). A further 25% comply but need to do a bit more work on their systems.

Less than 5% are non compliant. MPI will target these non compliant facilities.

The benefits of a high level of compliance are reduced audit frequency - and therefore reduced cost!

The main areas identified to work on:

- Annual Internal Audits
- Record keeping
- Facility paperwork
- Consignment paper work
- Keeping the operations manual completed and up to date
- Facility management
- Ensuring that MPI directions are followed
- Internal audit corrective actions are completed.

If you need assistance reviewing your systems prior to MPI audit to ensure compliance contact Leanne on 0800-247-424 or email: lappleton@agrichain-centre.com
The Fruit Fly surveillance programme was initiated in the mid 1970’s to provide assurance of country freedom from economically important fruit flies, and early warning of fruit fly incursions to facilitate eradication. There are currently about 100 species of fruit flies listed as regulated organisms for New Zealand.

The absence of economically important fruit flies in New Zealand allows for fresh export produce to be certified as free of infestation and exported to areas where economically important fruit flies do not occur. It also allows for fruit fly susceptible crops to be produced in New Zealand without a need for the management of fruit fly damage, which results in savings in terms of pest management inputs.

Approximately 7,500 traps are set up and maintained from September to June of each year. Traps are placed in grids, concentrating in populated areas serving as centres for tourism and/or trade, areas of significant horticultural activity and areas specified as being climatically conducive to the establishment of fruit flies.

**How you can support the programme**

If you find suspected maggots of fruit flies or the adult flies on fresh produce, please call 0800 80 99 66.

**UPDATE: Controls on fruit and vegetable movements lifted**

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) confirms that all restrictions on the movements of fruit and vegetables in Auckland’s Avondale area was removed from 7am Saturday 26 May.

In mid May the Ministry put in place a 1.5 km diameter Controlled Area around where a single male Queensland fruit fly was found in a surveillance trap. Residents were asked not to move whole fresh fruit or vegetables outside of this zone.

"MPI will continue with its routine fruit fly surveillance programme."

For further information, contact: MPI Media - phone 029 8940328 or visit www.mpi.govt.nz

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**FOOD SAFETY Update**

**For all your Food Safety Training requirements**

Burwater Pacific  
0800 247 424  
www.burwater.co.nz

The proposed new Food Bill is slowly working its way through the parliamentary system. We understand it may see light of day around September (this year!)

Our Food Safety Team is hard at work in several areas. Training Basic Food Hygiene courses in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

We are also working on how to demystify Food Control Plans. Our observation is that there is a lot of confusion in this area and we want to assist you.

If you need further information contact Leanne: info@burwater.co.nz or go to our food safety website www.burwater.co.nz
APPLICATION FOR AN MPI TRANSITIONAL FACILITY

If you are setting up a new facility, our specialised Biosecurity Advisers can help you manage your application to MPI for becoming an Approved Transitional Facility (ATF) to receive sea containers on site. These packages are tailored to your facility and consist of the following components:

- MPI Biosecurity training for two Accredited Persons
- MPI Biosecurity training for one Transitional Facility Operator
- Site Assessment
- MPI Transitional Facility Operating Manual (Site Procedures)
- Biosecurity Consultancy
- Biosecurity Signage Starter Kit

For further assistance, please contact our Biosecurity Enquiries Team on (09) 414-4536 or 0800-247-424; alternatively email Leanne: lapleton@agrichain-centre.com

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR NEW APPROVED FACILITIES

We have introduced two new services to assist you if you need more support managing your new facility. Please see the options below:

- Supervised Devanning of First Container at Facility
- Biosecurity Adviser present during first MPI Audit

CHINESE BIOSECURITY TRAINING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

The Accredited Person certificate course and the Transitional Facility Operator workshop are now available in Chinese (Auckland region only).

Please go to the link below for more information: www.agrichain-centre.com

Our Chinese trainer and Biosecurity adviser is also available for consultancy and assistance with setting up a new facility or reviewing your current Biosecurity Operating systems and processes.

CURRENT APPROVED TRANSITIONAL FACILITIES (ATF)

Services on offer to existing Approved Transitional Facilities:

- Updating existing procedures written by us (within the past 2 years) at a preferential rate
- Internal Audit/Site Assessments & Report for ATF Low Risk Cargo and Risk Cargo Sites
- Reviewing your Biosecurity internal systems and processes and ensuring you are compliant and meet the TFGEN standards
- Onsite Accredited Person certificate course at a preferential rate (6 or more staff).