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*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year*



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Welcome

Welcome to our December Bug Business, the Biosecurity best practice magazine published quarterly by The AgriChain Centre since 2009. Providing an extensive range of industry support initiatives which provide our clients with clear and simple solutions to meet your Biosecurity compliance requirements.

WHAT SETS US APART?

We pride ourselves on offering:

- Fixed cost (no hidden extra charges)
- Interactive and practical classes
- learning from each others' experiences
- Easy to understand - the science is converted into layman's terms

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In our end of year issue, we discuss the following points:

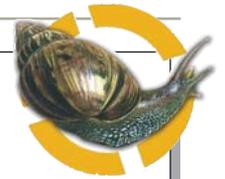
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TRADE SINGLE WINDOW and JOINT BORDER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Trade Single Window is a single channel for the cargo industry (importers, exporters, freight forwarders, express couriers, customs brokers, carriers, ports and other cargo custodians) to submit information to and receive responses from the border agencies.

For further information on the **Joint Border Management System (JBMS)** and **Trade Single Window (TSW)**, please click on the following link:
www.customs.govt.nz/news/resources/factsheets/Documents/JBMSFactSheetOverview.pdf

Applications FOR APPROVAL of Transitional Facilities



Since the beginning of September processing times for applications for approval of transitional facilities have increased. There are new information requirements and ensuring you have got your application correct has become more important than ever as errors will extend the processing time.

The increased complexity is in part the result of the Joint Border Management System (JBMS) being developed by the New Zealand Customs Service and the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to modernise the two agencies' border systems and allow sharing of processes, data and technology. The first part (Tranche 1) is being rolled out in phases over 2013 and 2014.

It focuses on new risk targeting and cargo processing components which connect to the two agencies existing systems.



Due to these recent changes to applications, the increased complexity and additional information requirements, **The AgriChain Centre** has developed a service to guide you through the application process and ensure you have ticked all the boxes when submitting an application to MPI.

For assistance with applications, please contact us on 0800-247-424 or email Leanne on lappleton@agrichain-centre.com to discuss your options.

HOW TO AVOID AN OBVIOUS BIOSECURITY RISK TO YOUR BUSINESS



Running an Import business is more than just inventory control, client relationships, correct pricing and managing costs. On the list of **musts** should sit a line item for Biosecurity.

The ability to bring a sea container to your business will be in jeopardy if Biosecurity is not on the list. Some businesses have found out the hard way when they can no longer receive containers. Alternative arrangements to unpack containers at another site add additional costs and frustrations.

All Transitional Facilities must have an Operator and to future proof your business and avoid potential delays of up to 12 weeks we recommend that you have a Deputy Operator as a contingency.

AS A REMINDER THE OPERATOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Making appropriate decisions about the devanning of the sea containers.
- Liaising with MPI if any issues need to be addressed.
- Ensuring the Transitional Facility Standard (TFGEN) is followed.
- Ensuring that the Transitional Facility is maintained to the specifications of the Import Health Standard for sea containers.
- Completing an internal audit of the facility to pick up any non-compliance.
- Ensuring that equipment for Biosecurity checks is available.
- Ensuring that staff training (AP's) certificates are current.

INTERNAL ASSESSMENT (AUDIT)

A regular self assessment of your company's Biosecurity processes ensures that it is operating to the requirements of the MPI Standard. It is the Facility Operator who is responsible for conducting regular internal assessments/audits/checks of the Transitional Facility. It is a requirement that this is carried out a minimum of once a year but the interval is yours to select and should reflect your confidence that everything is working correctly.

Any non-compliances identified as a result of the internal audit (and it's ok to have these because it means you are really looking!) need to be remedied and measures put in place to ensure the same thing does not happen again in the future. Any improvements identified during the internal assessment need to be implemented and documented in your operating manual.

Records of all internal assessment findings and any corrective actions taken need to be kept (signed and dated) and shown to the MPI Inspector at the time of the MPI audit.

TRANSITIONAL FACILITY OPERATOR RETRAINING PACKAGE OPTIONS

As part of our complimentary services, we have a dedicated staff member who looks after your Biosecurity training certificate expiry notification. If you are up for renewal as the Operator of the facility or your Accredited Person staff is due for re-training, you will be contacted to be advised of the next available training in your area.

Please provide updated contact details if your email/phone number or postal address has changed. Please click on the following link to go to our website and update your details online:

www.agrichain-centre.com/update-your-details-online/

Retraining time is an opportunity as a TFO to review your biosecurity obligations to ensure your facility complies with Biosecurity requirements.

The AgriChain Centre has a range of services to cover all of your training and MPI Compliance needs.

WE ARE OFFERING A COMBINATION OF THE BELOW BIOSECURITY SOLUTION SERVICES:

- MPI Biosecurity Training - Transitional Facility Operator Workshop & Accredited Person Certificate at a preferential rate
- Onsite Accredited Person Certificate Course * (minimum of 6 attendees required)
- Internal Site Assessment
- Annual review and update of your Operating manual**
- Assistance with New Applications for an Approved Transitional Facility (ATF)
- Biosecurity Consultancy
- Biosecurity Signage & Equipment Kit

* Onsite training receives a preferential rate

**Preferential rates apply to updates of Operating manuals written by The AgriChain Centre in the last 2 years.



For further information on these please visit our website www.agrichain-centre.com/biosecurity-solutions/ or contact us on 0800 247 424. Alternatively, you can email Leanne at lappleton@agrichain-centre.com to discuss your options.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW BIOSECURITY CONSULTANT

Viv Cooper *Dip.Hort*

BIOSECURITY CONSULTANT

The AgriChain Centre Ltd

The Ministry for Primary Industries loss has been The AgriChain Centre's gain.

Many of our Tauranga based clients will be familiar with Viv Cooper from her previous role as a Biosecurity Inspector with MPI.

Viv has extensive experience in Biosecurity, from assisting Transitional Facilities and Places of First Arrival (sea and airports) with setting up and implementing Biosecurity systems for risk goods such as: grain, fresh produce, live horses, vehicles and heavy machinery.

Viv and her husband Trev own a small kiwifruit orchard in Maketu consisting of two hectares of conventional green kiwifruit and have recently grafted over half a hectare to the new G3 gold variety.

The AgriChain Centre is delighted to welcome Viv to its Biosecurity Team to add to the depth of Biosecurity knowledge available to its clients and to provide an extended range of services in the Central North Island.

Bay of Plenty based, Viv provides Biosecurity consultancy, support and training for our clients in the Bay of Plenty, Waikato and Central North Island.

If you would like assistance with any of our Biosecurity services in this area please contact Viv.

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MPI Approved Disinfectants



If you are a facility that needs to use a MPI approved disinfectant you'll be familiar with the list of approved disinfectants but are you aware that it was updated in September 2012?

The original list was made up of disinfectants used in the UK during the Foot and Mouth outbreak and as a result it consisted mainly of products made in the UK that were not readily available here in NZ. Those that were available were quite expensive and not very nice to use. The current list now gives you a choice of a few NZ products.

Accel (Concentrate) and Accel Prevention, made by Annisentials, Clevedon.

Envirosan QHF, made by Ecolab Limited, Hamilton Oxywash, made by Contract Packaging and Supply, Mount Maunganui.

As with all of the disinfectants on the list these products have been assessed and found to be effective against:

- Foot and mouth disease
- Swine vesicular disease
- Diseases of poultry

The approved dilution rate (as per the list) is the lowest dilution rate for each of these diseases to ensure that the disinfectant will have a broad spectrum effect against pathogens (the pests and diseases we are trying to keep out) that may be associated with imported refuse and goods.

Products manufactured in New Zealand with similar trade names to the disinfectants listed are not MPI approved disinfectants unless specifically listed.

For further information, please visit the following link:
www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/regs/stds/approved-disinfectants.pdf

Accredited Persons and Sea Container CHECKS

All sea containers must be checked by a current Accredited Person (AP). The results of all container checks must be recorded and these records held by the transitional facility.

If contamination is found in/on the container or goods then MPI must be notified. Complete a container check online: (<https://containerchecks.maf.govt.nz/Default.aspx>) or fax the sea container log sheet to 09 909 8556.

IF LIVE ORGANISMS ARE FOUND CALL 0800 809 966 IMMEDIATELY.

LATEST BIOSECURITY PEST ALERTS



RED VENTED BULBUL

The Red Vented Bulbul is fast becoming an invasive pest to our native bird life and has the potential to cause significant damage to New Zealand's fruit and vegetable crops.

Description of Red Vented Bulbul:

- The size of a starling with a crimson-red patch beneath their tail
- Generally dark appearance with a white abdomen
- Prolific breeder
- Very distinctive call

The first sightings of the Red Vented Bulbul in New Zealand was in Auckland in the 1950s and also in 2006 and fortunately in both cases they were eradicated. However, now in 2013 there are confirmed sightings of the pest in three clusters in the wider Auckland regions: South Auckland; West Auckland and on the North Shore.

These birds have already invaded parts of the Pacific particularly Fiji and suburban Sydney. Urgent action to locate and capture this "Angry Bird" is required to prevent them becoming permanently established in New Zealand.



Red Vented Bulbul
"Angry Bird"

**Reward of
\$1000 for
sighting of
"Angry Bird"**

The Department of Conservation has been offering a reward since October asking the public to contact the Ministry for Primary Industries to report sightings of the Red Vented Bulbul, which would lead to its captivity. An increased reward from \$300 offered last month to \$1,000 is now the bounty offered by the Department of Conservation.

For further information, please click on the following link: www.biosecurity.govt.nz/pests/red-vented-bulbul

BRAZILIAN WANDERING SPIDER

The Brazilian Wandering Spider is also known as the "banana spider", because of their tendency to hide in banana bunches or plantations. They can occasionally be found as a stowaway within shipments of bananas from South America.

The spider's wandering nature is quite dangerous, because it seeks cover in dark places such as clothes, fallen log piles, rocks and banana crates during the day and can only be spotted once you try to reach in and expose its hiding place.

Here are the top 7 facts you need to know about the world's most toxic spider:

1. Their Greek name Phoneutria actually means "murderess" - an indication of their deadly bite.
2. They are known as the wandering spider because they do not build webs, but instead walk the jungle floor at night looking for prey.
3. At only 5 inches across, they are not the biggest, but are considered the most toxic spider.
4. They go in a defensive stance by lifting their body up on their hind legs in a defensive display. The first two pairs of legs are lifted high in the air, while the spider sways from side to side.
5. The Brazilian Wandering Spider appears in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's most venomous spider.



6. If you are bitten, chances are nothing bad will happen. Out of 7,000 cases, only 10 people have died from its bite.
7. The venom causes extreme pain and inflammation, loss of muscle control and breathing problems, resulting in paralysis and eventual asphyxiation.

How can we be more diligent and prevent these toxic spiders from entering and becoming established in New Zealand?

Under section 44 of the Biosecurity Act it clearly states- General duty to inform:

"Every person is under a duty to inform the Ministry, as soon as practicable in the circumstances, of the presence of what appears to be an organism not normally seen or otherwise detected in New Zealand".

Therefore it is everyone's responsibility, not only the Accredited Person checking and devanning a Sea Container, to inform MPI if exotic diseases or pests are found. Please contact MPI immediately on 0800 80 99 66 to report any suspected sightings.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Please report sightings of the above pests by ringing MPI on **0800 80 99 66**

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BIOSECURITY SUPPORT SERVICES INITIATIVES



NEW APPLICATIONS FOR AN APPROVED TRANSITIONAL FACILITY (ATF):

We offer a complete Biosecurity package which can be tailored to your specific facility requirements and the products you import. This package includes your MPI Biosecurity training and assistance with a completed application to be submitted to MPI.

In conjunction with your application to MPI for an Approved Transitional Facility, we can provide guidance with meeting the requirements for the Joint Border Management System.

For more information about our Biosecurity Solution packages, please click on: www.agrichain-centre.com/biosecurity-solutions/



TRANSITIONAL FACILITY SIGNAGE & EQUIPMENT KITS:

All Approved Transitional Facilities (ATF) require clear, visible Biosecurity signage displayed at their facility to indicate the area is restricted to permitted persons only.

If you require Biosecurity signage or an equipment kit for your Accredited Persons to check and unload the sea containers, please go to our website www.agrichain-centre.com for more details or click on the following link below to access our order form: www.agrichain-centre.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Signage-Kit-Order-Form-V16-July-2013.pdf

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



MPI BIOSECURITY TRAINING:

The AgriChain Centre is an MPI approved training organisation offering Transitional Facility Operator (TFO) and Accredited Person (AP) courses nationwide.

We offer:

- Specialist Biosecurity services and support programmes
- Preferential rates for combination training
- Inhouse Accredited Person Certificate Course (minimum of 6 attendees)

Should you wish to view our Biosecurity training calendar, please visit the following link: www.agrichain-centre.com/biosecurity-training/ and book online or contact the Biosecurity Bookings and Enquiries team on 0800-247-424.

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CHINESE BIOSECURITY TRAINING & SUPPORT SERVICE:

Biosecurity Services – 生物安全服务

- AP-TFO Training – **AP-TFO 培训**
- Inhouse Course – **公司内部培训**
- Internal Audits – **内部审核**
- Manual/Procedure Writing – **编写公司手册/程序**
- Biosecurity Equipment – **生物安全仪器**
- Consultancy – **咨询**

* Chinese courses only offered in Auckland.



END OF YEAR CLOSING PERIOD:

The AgriChain Centre will be available over the festive season for **Urgent Biosecurity Enquiries** and **MPI Biosecurity training bookings** for January 2014 and beyond. We are operating a skeleton staff over the festive period. If we do not answer your call first time, please leave a message and we will call you back. We will be re-open for business as usual on the 6th January 2014. *We would like to thank you for your patronage throughout the years and wish you a safe holiday season.*

PLEASE CONTACT OUR BIOSECURITY ENQUIRIES TEAM. PHONE (09)414-4536 or 0800-247-424



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