



TFGEN – GUIDANCE DOCUMENT CHANGES

WHAT IS TFGEN?

MPI has recently amended the Standard for Transitional Facilities for General Uncleared Risk Goods (TFGEN) and the associated Guidance Document (GD). TFGEN specifies the requirements under which transitional facilities (TFs) must be operated to manage uncleared risk goods. The GD holds recommended best practice advice on how TF Operators (TFOs) can meet the requirements of TFGEN.

WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHANGES?

TFGEN: Section 4 now includes requirements for high risk TFs dealing with biosecurity refuse, decontamination, incineration and sterilisation, treatments of uncleared risk goods and for holding non-compliant farm animals at places of first arrival. This information was previously covered in the GD.

Guidance Document

- » New Sections: There are several new sections that deal with guidance for TFs that import grains for consumption, feed for processing, sawn wood, and used machinery tyres and vehicles. Using these documents will enable TFOs to put together a compliant TF Operating Manual that specifies exactly how they will manage any uncleared risk goods they receive.
- » Section 6 of the GD holds advice on specific TFs where a specific range of uncleared risk goods are managed (formerly contained in Annexes).
- » Training: The GD also outlines how Accredited Persons (APs) and TFOs must be trained (see below).

WHAT ARE THE CHANGES TO TFO AND AP TRAINING?

MPI will require:

- » Re-training for APs and TFOs every two years after their initial training is conducted.

- » Initial training for APs and TFOs must be conducted in a classroom setting.
- » Subsequent re-training may occur in either a classroom or via an onsite assessment.
- » AP training remains as a half-day course and will be relatively unchanged, other than for periodic, specific content changes. TFO training will be run as a full-day course (with a pre-course assignment).

ARE THERE ANY OTHER CHANGES I SHOULD BE AWARE OF?

Internal Audit Report: After 16 Dec 2016, TF Operators will need to provide MPI with their internal audit report within 10 working days of it being completed. MPI is currently investigating options to best receive these audit reports. MPI will provide more details closer to this date.

Air Containers: There will be some changes for TFs that import or receive air containers when the revised Import Health Standard Air Containers from All Countries is implemented (scheduled to be Feb/Mar 2017).

WHAT IS THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE?

Any changes under the revised standard that apply to existing TFs will not be enforced until 16 December 2016.

WHO CAN WE CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

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