

See Contain Report

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From the Editors

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide regular updates on planned operational changes and other relevant information for the management of transitional/containment facilities by TF Operators, accredited persons (APs) and staff.

You have told us you want more incentives for those TF Operators that comply and tougher action against those who don't. As a result, you would be aware that over the past few years MPI has taken a proactive and robust approach to the management of facilities to protect the environment and primary industries. We have taken the approach that "*Operating an MPI-approved facility is a privilege, not a right*". For example, MPI now sends an "Intention to Cancel" letter to TFs that haven't received sea containers over the previous 12 months as these TFs are not being used for the purposes they were approved for. We plan to maintain this approach of continuous improvement and your support is crucial to the overall success of our border management programme.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact us: Chris Denny (chris.denny@mpi.govt.nz) or Dave Nendick (dave.nendick@mpi.govt.nz).

Know the Enemy: Myrtle Rust

In early May, the fungal disease myrtle rust (*Austropuccinia psidii*) was identified for the first time in mainland New Zealand on plants in a Kerikeri nursery (and more recently in Taranaki and the Waikato). An urgent biosecurity response has been mounted. Myrtle rust, also known as eucalyptus rust and guava rust, is a serious fungal disease that affects plants in the myrtle family, including k anuka, m anuka, p ohutukawa, ramarama, r at a and swamp maire as well as commercially-grown species such as eucalyptus, feijoa and guava.



Myrtle rust is found in many parts of the world, including New Caledonia and all along Australia's east coast (and also on Raoul Island in the Kermadec Group). Myrtle rust spores are microscopic and can easily spread across large distances by birds, insects, machinery, people or the wind. Signs and symptoms to look out for are bright yellow powdery eruptions appearing on the underside of the leaf (young infection) or on both sides of the leaf (mature infection) and brown/grey rust pustules (older spores) on older lesions. Some leaves may become buckled or twisted and die.



Starts with new yellow pustules & small brown spots

If you see anything that looks like this pest (or anything unusual) do not touch it or the plant. Take a photo of the diseased plant and call MPI's Exotic Pest and Disease Hotline on **0800 80 99 66** or call your local MPI office as soon as possible. You can also keep up to date with what is happening with the response through updates on our MPI website - <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/responding/alerts/myrtle-rust>



AP Certificates and the Privacy Act

Due to the Privacy Act, MPI is now required to issue AP certificates directly to the AP at the address supplied on their application form. This is rather than sending the certificate to the TF Operator or employer as was done in the past. As a result, it is now up to the AP to provide a copy of their AP certificate to their TF Operator.

Delay in sending AP and ATF Certificates

We are experiencing delays with producing ATF and AP certificates due to changes with TFGEN and subsequent related certificate changes as well as a high volume of applications. Certificates will be issued in due course. We appreciate your patience and co-operation at this time.

AP Approval to be Cancelled if No “Application for Appointment” Received

As you are aware, accredited persons (APs) must pass a training course to apply and retain their statutory AP appointment. A new requirement was introduced in December 2016 that all APs (new and existing) need to submit to MPI an application for appointment as an Accredited Person ([click here for link](#)) along with proof of identification (i.e. driver's licence or passport) and proof of training.

Failure to submit this application for appointment form will result in MPI revoking the AP approval. MPI will start revoking AP approvals from 1 July 2017 (NB: MPI has already allowed 7 months for APs to submit this form). If you have any questions, please contact SeaContainer@mpi.govt.nz.

From the Frontline: Introducing Michelle White (*Ngāti Hako/Ngāti Maniapoto*)



Michelle joined MPI in August 2008 as a quarantine officer based in Auckland. After several years she moved to the TF Team as a senior quarantine officer and lead auditor. Considered by her peers to be a subject matter expert for “all things facilities”, Michelle is currently leading the TF Approvals Business Support Team. This role encompasses management of national administration of applications for TFs, TF Operators and Accredited Persons. She also has oversight of all the associated systems and development of streamlined processes and procedures. On a daily basis Michelle and her team work with both internal and external stakeholders to provide support, assistance and advice on how to navigate the TF application process.

Michelle is also secretary of the national committee of Te Tauaki Puawai, the MPI Maori cultural group, and an active member of the MPI kapa haka group. She supports and promotes initiatives to raise awareness of Tikanga and Te Reo within MPI. Prior to joining MPI, Michelle's background was varied, with a history in horticulture, finance, IT and surprisingly, casino operations. Michelle has travelled extensively, having spent quite a number of years working on cruise ships as a croupier. Her favourite places are Barcelona (awesome food, architecture and ... shoes) and anywhere in the Pacific, but she thinks Tahiti is the best.

Michelle is here to help, and the best advice that she has to offer TF Operators is to make sure you keep MPI informed; little things like a change of phone number or email become a big problem as you will miss out on important MPI information and updates. Also, make sure your training is up to date and don't forget to send your training certificate to MPI.

TF Security Measures

A TF must have a system of limiting unapproved access to ensure the security of uncleared risk goods is maintained at all times. Only persons permitted by the TF Operator are allowed within the controlled areas of the TF while uncleared risk goods are present. This is so uncleared risk goods are not wrongly released or



stolen and to prevent undetected contaminants from escaping. MPI is currently ensuring that all TFs have suitable security arrangements to ensure the public cannot access uncleared containers.

AP Contamination Reporting of Pests – Fax Ceasing on 1 July 2017

As mentioned previously, on 1 July 2017 MPI will no longer accept the faxing of hardcopy log sheets to the Target Evaluation Team for processing. MPI will need to receive all contamination reporting from APs via the Container Checks Portal. Please note that APs only need to send MPI a record when they actually find contamination or live pests such as insects and spiders and have dealt with the interception or called MPI (0800 80 99 66). For APs to get “log-in access” to the Container Checks website, you can email MPI to arrange a log-in or a new password (this link is on the Welcome Page at <https://containerchecks.maf.govt.nz>). Once set-up, your AP log-in details will be advised by email. The username is normally set up in the format *firstname.lastname* and the initial password is normally set as your allocated AP ID number (this number is on your AP Certificate as the “Accredited Person Number”). Note that when your AP training has expired, you will no longer be able to log into the website again until the training expiry date has been updated. For any queries, please contact Target Evaluation Team Manager Dunja.Hassencamp@mpi.govt.nz

Biosecurity Partners

MPI recently evaluated tenders for Biosecurity Partners (formerly called Training Providers). Once these Biosecurity Partners are confirmed, their contact details will be added to the MPI website:

<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/resources/registers-and-lists/operator-training-providers/>

Minor TFGEN Update

The facility standard - *Transitional Facilities for General Uncleared Risk Goods (TFGEN)* has been amended to include the following clause under Part 3: Operational requirements for a TF. 3.1 (1) **A TF must have an Approved TF Operator**. It was always intended under the Biosecurity Act that a TF must have an approved TF Operator. The requirement was also included in the standard, but until now this requirement was placed in the introduction section of the standard, which is not legally binding. This change will ensure an easily understood basis for cancellation of a TF on the grounds that the TF does not have an approved TF Operator where one is absent. An additional comment has also been added to the introduction section of TFGEN stating that it is an offence under section 154N(17) of the Biosecurity Act for a TF to operate without an approved Operator.

Trade Single Window – Delay in TF & TF Operator Updates

In April, Trade Single Window (TSW) was updated. The upgrade included the requirement for more data to be classed as mandatory. Unfortunately this results in an “error message” in TSW when MPI tries to update TF information. This means MPI is unable to amend TF or TF Operator details until the mandatory data is entered. Many of these mandatory fields are in NZ Customs-controlled parts of TSW so MPI is unable to update those fields until NZ Customs updates them. To enable this to happen, MPI may request further information from TFs via a NZCS 225 form. MPI apologises for this situation as we know many of you completed the NZCS 225 form when you applied. Due to this issue, there may be delays to MPI being able to process your applications and change requests.

Joint Border Management System (JBMS) Business Transition

This summary is related to MPI clearances for goods that have been “manually stopped/held” on manifests and air waybills. During the JBMS transition period where trade is moving from MPI and Customs legacy systems to the new WCO3 IM1 Trade Single Window (TSW), there will be a mix of formats for legacy and JBMS goods clearance/directions. MPI will continue to manually screen and stop/hold consignments on manifests/air way



bills but this will decline over time as trade moves to the new WCO3 IM1 format and manually screening will stop once the date (yet to be set) is reached for mandatory use of WCO3 format lodgements.

Trade movements using the new WCO3 IM1 via TSW receive a delivery order and TSW notification enabling them to move/take release of the goods. The manifests/air waybills, however, have a stop/hold “stamp” on them, which can sometimes cause confusion.

• **Goods Release Process**

There are occasions where an importer/carrier holds a delivery order that states “MPI Bio clearance” or “clearance message generated from TSW”. In such cases MPI still has the stop/hold on the manifest/air waybill and expects to receive the legacy eBACCA to enable it to “release” the goods to the importer/carrier.

JBMS operates differently to the MPI legacy system in that it also provides an e-mail notification of the clearance/direction given. In addition, traders operating via Business to Business (B2B) will have their given MPI Bio clearance/directions included in the delivery order they receive. Note that the MPI legacy system provides a BACC via e-mail notifications. **A delivery order that states “MPI Bio clearance or clearance message generated from TSW” overrides any manually applied stop/hold on manifests/air waybills.**

• **MPI Import Declaration (IPI)**

Some traders request an MPI clearance because that is how they have also operated, irrespective of whether the goods have biosecurity or food related risks. To continue this, traders can submit an IPI, which is one of the new WCO IM1 format lodgements.

For any queries on the JBMS transition, please contact: targetevaluator.cargo@mpi.govt.nz

AP Contamination Pest Reporting

Below is a table showing the main contamination types reported by AP's for 2016. Thanks to all AP's who record their finds.

Contaminants	%
Spiders	35.1
Insects (not Ants)	29.1
Seeds	12.9
Soil	11.4
Plant Material	3.7
Ants	1.9
Fungus/Mould	1.9
Reptiles	1.3
Non-ISPM 15 WPM	1.1
Amphibians	0.6
Snails	0.4
Mammals	0.4

MPI Contact Details

- General Inquiries: 0800 00 83 33
- Biosecurity Import Clearances: 0800 22 20 18
- Exotic Pest and Disease Hotline: 0800 80 99 66
- International Caller Number: 64 04 894 0100
- TFs & Containment Facilities go to:
<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/border-clearance/transitional-and-containment-facilities/>

To subscribe to MPI announcements go to <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/lists>

Email MPI at seacontainer@mpi.govt.nz if you have any comments or questions about APs or TFOs.

See Contain Report: Phone your nearest MPI office or 0800 80 99 66 to report contamination