



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 containment or transitional facilities (TFs) by approved operators, accredited persons (APs) and staff.

This edition includes updates on training and reporting requirements prior to the introduction of the Air Container Import Health Standard next month. We also have a brief summary from each of our "Biosecurity Partners", some information on the brown marmorated stink bug and other relevant tidbits.

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).

AP Training for Air Container Handling

The *Import Health Standard: Air Containers from All Countries* will come into force on 5 April 2018. This means all air containers need to be clean of biosecurity contaminants and accredited person training is required for personnel unloading or supervising the unloading of baggage and/or freight air containers. This ensures air containers are checked for biosecurity contaminants and pests, plants or organisms detrimental to New Zealand. See <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/resources/registers-and-lists/accredited-persons-training-providers/> for training available from approved AP Biosecurity Partners. Note that the current course material is generic for all containers but specifically tailored MPI-approved course material for baggage and air freight handling is now available.

As the air container standard requires baggage handlers to be approved as APs (or supervised by APs) then we would advise airports to review your biosecurity system before 5 April 2018. You can get assistance with this by requesting a visit from a MPI quarantine officer prior to the enforcement date. The MPI contacts are:

- Auckland (Craig.Hawthorne@mpi.govt.nz)
- Christchurch (Chris.Gumley@mpi.govt.nz)
- Dunedin (Nick.Hale@mpi.govt.nz)
- Queenstown (Jason.Baird@mpi.govt.nz/Nash.Lilac@mpi.govt.nz)
- Wellington (Patrick.Delaney@mpi.govt.nz)

For assistance with freight

- Auckland (Shamal.Baldeo@mpi.govt.nz)
- Christchurch (Chris.Gumley@mpi.govt.nz)
- Wellington (Patrick.Delaney@mpi.govt.nz)

If you have concerns about being compliant by 5 April 2018, please contact MPI to discuss options at standards@mpi.govt.nz

Air Container Reporting

MPI is constructing an IT tool for exception recording of any contaminants found in a baggage or freight air container. Reporting is important to target the source of the contamination as well as keeping airlines informed as to where the problems might have originated. We plan to trial the new tool prior to the date of enforcement. The link for exception reporting of air containers will be similar to the current sea container reporting <https://containerchecks.maf.govt.nz>. Note that APs only need to report when biosecurity contaminant/s are found.

Know the Enemy: Hide Beetle (*Dermestes maculata*)

This beetle is present in many countries and is often used by universities and museums to remove the flesh from bones in skeleton preparation. Adults are 5.5-10mm long with a white belly.

Larvae and adults feed on various animal products, including skins, bone, cheese, feathers, fish, furs, leather, meat meals and various dried foods. The beetle can also attack chocolate, cocoa beans and copra. This means you could find these insects in your containers if you import these types of products.

The yellowish-brown larvae may also bore into wood to pupate. The larvae are covered in hairs, which may lead to skin irritation or conjunctivitis if touched.

If you see anything that looks like this pest or anything unusual, please catch or spray it, shut the container and call MPI on 0800 80 99 66 or your local MPI office as soon as possible.



Revoking the Approval of Accredited Persons

Based on recent policy changes, we wish to inform you MPI will be revoking the approval of accredited persons who have not submitted the required application for appointment as an accredited person. This will start on 19 March. Should you receive notification revoking your approval, you need to complete an MPI-approved training course and submit the required application in order to obtain a new certificate.

Delay in Sending ATF Certificates

We are experiencing delays with producing ATF certificates. These will be issued in due course. MPI officers have been informed of this delay, so these certificates will not be requested during an audit. Note that if you do require an ATF certificate, you can request this from facility approvals (FacilityApprovals@mpi.govt.nz).

New MTF Provider

SPS Biosecurity Ltd is the third company to be authorised as a multi-site transitional facility (MTF) provider (along with IVS Ltd and Biosecurity Training South Ltd). The MTF System provides an alternative for importers who import low-risk sea containers who don't want to have their own TF. This means that importers can have containers delivered to their premises as long as consignments are not subject to specific IHS requirements (other than for sea containers) and their site meets TFGEN requirements (e.g. has a suitable hardstand). The MTF system operator takes overall responsibility for all MPI requirements to operate this type of MTF. See <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/resources/registers-and-lists/mpi-authorized-multi-site-transitional-facility-mtf-system-providers/> for MTF provider contact details.



Temporary Transitional Facilities Discontinued

All temporary transitional facility (TTF) approvals have now stopped. We believe the multi-site transitional facility scheme can manage applications previously covered by TTFs.



Biosecurity Partners

In September 2017, MPI formed a Biosecurity Partner panel to appoint external training providers for TF operators and accredited persons. This is now the main outsourcing arrangement for external TF operator and AP training. The term 'Biosecurity Partners' reflects the wish for panel members and MPI to work collaboratively to deliver high quality learning and engagement. This aligns to the Biosecurity 2025 Direction Statement which emphasises the need to work collaboratively to protect New Zealand from unwanted pests and diseases. Details about the Biosecurity Partner/training providers are available on the MPI website at [Accredited Person training](#) and [Transitional Facility Operator training](#). Each Biosecurity Partner has provided a short introduction about their organisation.

	<p>Biosecurity & Training South Biosecurity & Training South Ltd (BTSouth) provide professional, friendly training for MPI TF operators and APs. Our trainers are very knowledgeable and experienced in the Biosecurity field. BTSouth also provides an after sales service to clients to back up that training. We are only a phone call or email away if you have any follow up queries or concerns. We can assist in a range of areas, including applications, site inspection, manuals, documentation, signage and more. As an MTF provider, we can explain this process and help you decide which option works best for you. For more information give us a call (0212847688) or visit our website at www.btsouth.co.nz</p>
	<p>Independent Verification Services As a Biosecurity Partner to MPI, IVS is committed to delivering high-quality training for NZ businesses, while helping to protect the environment for future generations. IVS is approved to deliver AP and TF operator training. We also have an extensive portfolio of other courses available including Customs, freight forwarding and workplace safety training. Flexibility is a key focus for IVS. Being NZ's largest biosecurity training provider, IVS offers courses nationwide delivered by a team of experienced trainers. Onsite training is available for larger groups. We also have an online biosecurity awareness course for those assisting APs. IVS courses can be booked online or through the IVS mobile training app. Call us on 0800 021 169 or email info@ivs.co.nz</p>
	<p>New Zealand Biosecurity Academy New Zealand Biosecurity Academy delivers AP and TF operator training across Auckland, Whangarei, Tauranga, Wellington and Christchurch. We are happy to deliver training in other regions on request. We provide flexible, cost effective training in small classes that are delivered by experienced trainers to meet regulatory requirements for companies who are involved in the transport, delivery and devanning of imported shipping containers and imported goods. Visit our website www.biosecurityacademy.nz to find out more and to book a training course. Alternatively, you can call us on 0800 382 436 to see how we can assist you.</p>
	<p>SPS Biosecurity SPS Biosecurity (Service and Practical Solutions in Biosecurity) is New Zealand's most experienced biosecurity team in providing biosecurity training and services to the import freight industry. We have Jessica Wallace in the Auckland region, Vivienne Cooper in the Bay of Plenty and Waikato, Keith Budd in the Wellington region and Ian Cardno in Hawkes Bay, Manawatu and Taranaki. High quality training is presented in an easy-to-understand and relaxed environment using the trainers' long work experience in importing and biosecurity. SPS Biosecurity provides coverage throughout New Zealand, is focused on enhancing the "Biosecurity Partnership" between government and industry and brings its practical border surveillance knowledge to the training sessions to add real life learning experiences. SPS Biosecurity also provides service and support to TF clients. Visit our website www.spsbiota.co.nz or call 0800BIOTA1 (0800 246 821).</p>



Misdirected Containers

MPI is investigating the movement of containers that go to the wrong TF (i.e. different from one they were directed to go). When this is identified, MPI will refer the agent/broker, transport company or TF operator to our enforcement staff to investigate. Deliberate non-compliance has led to prosecutions in the past

From the Frontline: Introducing Marisa Sorce

Marisa has recently been appointed as Team Manager (Biosecurity, Verification Services). In this newly created role she manages the national programme for verification of containment facilities and those TFs holding biological products. Examples of these specialised types of facilities include research institutes, universities and zoos. Prior to this role, she has been with MPI for the past three years in different parts of the business. These include positions as a research technician in MPI's Plant Health and Environment Laboratory, incursion investigator, and as a technical supervisor of containment facilities. Outside of MPI, Marisa loves hiking, camping and exploring New Zealand's beautiful and scenery. Last year, she spent five days camping and hiking along the Abel Tasman Coastal Track in the stunning Abel Tasman region.



Marisa would like operators to know that she is committed to delivering a programme that achieves regulatory outcomes while understanding the needs of MPI customers.

Keeping NZ Stink Bug Free

The brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB) poses a significant risk to our agricultural and horticultural sectors. MPI has been targeting BMSB at the border since 2015. During the risk season (September to April) frontline staff take appropriate action based on the latest data. The challenge with BMSB is that it can be found on many different commodities (from Barbie dolls to medical equipment). This means MPI needs to adapt to changing situations and differing cargo that can harbour BMSB risk.

Every day, MPI officers conduct BMSB-related inspections across the country to check cargo is free of BMSB. The inspections range from checking containerised cargo to surveillance of risk vessels. A big part of our officers' role during the BMSB season is education, whether at TFs or places of first arrival such as ports and airports.

MPI recognises the importance of APs to protect New Zealand from potential biosecurity threats and as a valuable source of information. At the moment, we receive around 100 calls a day, many relating to BMSB inspections or from importers and APs asking for advice or information on BMSB.





IHS Updates Due to BMSB

The Import Health standard for Vehicles, Machinery and Tyres (VEHICLE.ALL IHS) has been updated to include new requirements for used vehicles and machinery exported from Japan in response to the current BMSB situation (<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/other/vehicles-and-machinery/>). You may have seen some recent media articles on this issue.

The Sea Container Standard (SEACO) was also recently updated to manage the risk of BMSB arriving into New Zealand in sea containers from Italy until 30 April 2018 (see <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/border-clearance/containers-and-cargo/>). MPI encourages importers to treat containerised consignments before shipping their goods to ensure the risk is managed offshore. If the importer wishes to treat on arrival, they may face significant delays due to the volume of containers entering the country. Please be aware: you need to ensure any containers treated in New Zealand are done so within 72 hours of arrival.

MPI is working closely with our overseas counterparts to ensure that these requirements do not adversely affect New Zealand's trade partners. Anyone that has concerns over the types of treatments applied, and whether these will harm their product, can contact MPI to see if alternatives can be arranged.

- For offshore or pre-arrival enquiries: email standards@mpi.govt.nz
- For onshore enquiries: email targetevaluator.cargo@mpi.govt.nz, or phone 0800 22 20 18 option 2 then option 1. Phone calls are answered from Monday to Friday, 7am to 5pm, excluding public holidays.
- For other enquiries, including regional offices, call the general enquires line – 0800 00 83 33.

Recent Finds



Bats in Timber: Five dead bats were detected in a consignment of sawn timber arriving at the Auckland port from Surinam, South America. The bats were showing signs of desiccation and mould, so had been dead long before arriving in New Zealand. Surinam has over 70 species of bats, many of which are endangered.

Scorpion Nabbed: In Auckland, a live scorpion was caught while doing a door inspection of a banana container from Mexico. After apprehending the scorpion, this container was directed for treatment.



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

To see this and previous See Contain Report editions, go to <http://mpi.govt.nz/importing/border-clearance/transitional-and-containment-facilities/resources/>

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

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