

## Biosecurity Incident Response Procedure

**A BIOSECURITY INCIDENT IS AN UNINTENTIONAL, UNFORESEEN OR UNCONTROLLED EXPOSURE TO EXOTIC PESTS, FOREIGN ORGANIC MATERIAL OR DISEASES.**

Examples of potential biosecurity risks at NSW Ports:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hitchhiker pest on an arriving vessel – ants, stink bugs, bees, snails, etc.</li> <li>• Sighting of a rat or potential exotic pests on the wharf</li> <li>• Pooled water having potential to breed mosquito Larvae</li> <li>• An ants nest near the berth</li> <li>• Soil/organic material contamination</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Borer holes or frass under dunnage</li> <li>• Quarantine or organic waste from a ship (food scraps) ie- fruit/veg</li> <li>• A person on an incoming vessel with an unknown illness</li> </ul> |
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**Note - Transfer of viruses and illnesses from incoming vessel crews may also constitute a biosecurity risk.**

Exotic pests or diseases may actually be detected during a biosecurity incident, or they may only be suspected. For example, discovering webbing, borer holes, egg masses, or soil contamination are all examples of an actionable biosecurity incident.

**BIOSECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING**

All NSW Ports berth tenants and operators must complete the National *Seaports Biosecurity Awareness eLearning* package ( <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/Documents/seaports-biosecurity-elearning/index.html> )

**Training will be issued to all relevant stakeholders parties via NSW Ports Rapid Induct Portal**

<h3>1. ISOLATE</h3>	<p><b><u>SUSPECTED OR DETECTED BIOSECURITY RISKS MUST BE ISOLATED IMMEDIATELY:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isolate the risk found at the port (such as ants nests, bee hives) using barriers to prevent any movement through the area.</li> <li>• Isolate biosecurity risk on board vessels where possible</li> <li>• Confine the suspected biosecurity risk to create an isolation area.</li> <li>• Display a “Biosecurity Area – Authorised persons only” sign to indicate the biosecurity isolation area.</li> <li>• closing container or vessel doors or creating barriers</li> <li>• placing affected cargo in a biosecurity isolation area away from other goods</li> <li>• If there is an ill crew member, the person must be confined to the vessel for assessment by a biosecurity officer.</li> </ul> <p>Signage is available in the biosecurity kit located at the BLB1 security office</p>
<h3>2. CONTAIN</h3>	<p><b><u>ALL BIOSECURITY RISKS MUST BE CONTAINED TO AVOID SPREAD WHERE SAFE TO DO SO.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contain Any flying or mobile insects, to stop them moving e.g. close door of crate, box, container etc for moths, lady bugs, stink bugs</li> <li>• Contain spillages of soil, organic material, seeds or nests by collecting and double bagging</li> <li>• Contain onboard vertebrate and invertebrate species on the vessel where possible until appropriate authorities are notified and present</li> <li>• Use signage such as flagging or biosecurity tape to section off an area if relevant</li> <li>• Use tarpaulins to contain contamination or pest infestation</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If possible/relevant, collect a specimen in a jar (seed, plant, insect etc) and provide to Biosecurity personnel to assist with identification</li> <li>• Use tarpaulins or blankets to cover the area or restrict animal movement</li> <li>• Take photos, record the location to assists with identification</li> <li>• As a last resort is to use a knockdown spray (insect spray) on mobile insects.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note – <u>Never use a knockdown spray on Ants, bees or wasps.</u> These can be very dangerous so do not disturb them. Take a photo and record the location. If detected on cargo, do not move it. Instead, take measures to isolate it.</b></p> <p><b><u>BIOSECURITY INCIDENT RESPONSE KITS</u></b></p> <p>A Biosecurity Incident Response Kit is available at the BLB1 office. Each kit contains the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gloves</li> <li>- Face shield/Mask</li> <li>- 2 x collection jars for biosecurity specimens</li> <li>- Hazard tape</li> <li>- A copy of this Biosecurity Incident Response Procedure</li> <li>- Waste bag</li> <li>- Knockdown Spray (insect spray)</li> <li>- Virkon medical grade disinfectant</li> </ul> <p>The equipment is provided by NSW Ports for use in a biosecurity incident by those in attendance, and will be maintained and inspected annually. Equipment must be replaced if used entirely, empty or expired.</p> <p>In the case of a biosecurity incident, any quarantine waste is to be placed in quarantine bins and disposal shall be coordinated via NSW Ports with approved waste contractor Suez Recycling &amp; Recovery Pty Ltd is (registration N1653). This will occur within 72 hours of an incident or within 48 hours if the waste contains perishable items.</p> <p>Quarantine bins are permanently located at BLB1 and BLB2 for berth users. These bins are managed by NSW Ports and are emptied regularly as required.</p>			
<p><b>3. REPORT</b></p>	<p><b><u>REPORT SUSPECTED BIOSECURITY RISKS OR INCIDENTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local biosecurity office Port Botany <b>02 8035 5390</b> or <b>0408 179 487</b></li> <li>2. Dept Agriculture: See.Secure.Report hotline number: <b>1800 798 636</b></li> <li>3. NSW Dept of Primary Industries Biosecurity Helpline: <b>1800 680 244</b></li> <li>4. Port Operations Manager NSW Ports <b>02 9316 1135</b> or <b>0417 217 274</b></li> </ol>			
<p><b>4. TREAT</b></p>	<p><b><u>BIOSECURITY OFFICERS WILL ATTEND THE SITE AND ADVISE TREATMENT</u></b></p> <p>After a report is issued, Biosecurity officers will attend to provide further instruction and/or collection of specimens.</p> <p>Biosecurity officers and treatment providers <u>must</u> be given access to undertake urgent responses in a timely manner.</p> <p>Port Botany engages <b>Greenway Pest Control</b> or pest and termite problems, and hygiene services; <b>Phone: 0422 742 008</b> Email: <a href="mailto:info@greenwaypestmanagement.com.au">info@greenwaypestmanagement.com.au</a></p> <p><i>Note:</i> If a departmentally approved treatment provider is not used to respond to a biosecurity risk, the treatment must be performed under supervision by a biosecurity officer at a fee for service.</p>			
<p><b>Review</b></p>	<p><b>This document shall be reviewed at least every 2 years</b></p>			
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