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# Biosecurity Incident Response Procedure

Common User Facility - 845 Berrimah Road East Arm

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<b><i>Reference Documents</i></b>
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Biosecurity Act 2015
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Biosecurity Regulations 2016
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1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline the standard operating procedures for a Biosecurity Incident.

2. Scope

These procedures apply to the Common User Facility located at 845 Berrimah Road East Arm.

## Common User Facility

### Biosecurity Incident Response Procedure

#### Awareness

A biosecurity incident is an unintentional, unforeseen or uncontrolled exposure to exotic pests and diseases.

You must report biosecurity incidents immediately to allow the department to take measures to manage the risks to an acceptable level. Here are some examples of biosecurity risks :

- Spillage of bulk product during unload on the wharf
- Garbage bag splitting and spilling contents
- Sighting of hitchhiker pest on an arriving vessel
- Pooling water in a blocked drain
- Discovery of an ants nest in the facility.
- Soil contamination on exterior of container
- Borer holes or frass under dunnage
- Sighting of a rat on the barge ramp

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.

#### **First Point of Entry Biosecurity Standards**

All barge ramp operations have a responsibility to ensure compliance with the Biosecurity legislation. To assist you in understanding your obligations under section 58 of the Biosecurity Regulation 2016, refer to the First point of entry biosecurity standards (ports) via the following link:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/biosecurity/avm/vessels/point-entry-ports>

- Complete the **Seaports Biosecurity Awareness eLearning** package via the following link:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/Documents/seaports-biosecurity-elearning/index.html>

- View the Cargo Pest Awareness Video via the following link:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/before/pests>

#### Isolate

Suspected or detected biosecurity risks must be isolated immediately:

- Isolate risks found at the port (such as ants nests, bee hives) using barriers to prevent any movement through the area.
- Segregate all goods away from the suspected biosecurity risk – domestic or otherwise – using an impervious barrier or a minimum pallet width from other goods and the boundary fencing.
- Confine imported goods containing a suspected biosecurity risk to the isolation area.
- Display a “Biosecurity Area – Authorised persons only” sign to indicate the biosecurity isolation area.
- When an ill traveller is detected, seek and follow the directions of Biosecurity officers from the Department of Agriculture. A Biosecurity officer will perform an assessment of the ill traveller and seek direction from the Department of Health as required. Ill travellers are not permitted to remain on the ramp area and must be confined to their vessel. If urgent medical assistance is required, then an ambulance must be called immediately for transport to hospital.

An area has been identified as the Biosecurity Isolation Area, as denoted on the attached map of the facility.

Biosecurity isolation signage is located in the Land Development Corporation container located near the main gate to the facility.

## Contain

All biosecurity risks must be contained where safe to do so.

- Spillages must be swept up, double bagged and disposed of in a biosecurity receptacle
- Use knockdown spray to contain the spread of flying or mobile insects e.g. moths, lady bugs, stink bugs
- Collect a specimen to assist with identification
- Ants, bees and wasps 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.
- Close doors or create partitions to restrict movement
- Use tarpaulins to contain contamination or pest infestation

Licensees are required to have Biosecurity Incident Response Kits available on site during their licence period.

The Land Development Corporation will keep a kit on site for emergencies. Located in the Land Development Corporation container located at the main gate. To access this equipment call the office on **08 8944 0900**.

The emergency equipment will be maintained by the Land Development Corporation and the licensee will be charged for the replacement equipment, in accordance with the Licence provisions.

A departmentally approved waste provider must be engaged to remove any Biosecurity Waste. To arrange for collection of Biosecurity Waste call:

Clean Away /Tox Free Australia Pty Ltd on 08 8935 1111.

	<p>Alternate departmentally approved waste providers can be considered: <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/arrival/arrangements/sites">http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/arrival/arrangements/sites</a></p> <p>Goods requiring treatment must be secured and transported immediately to an Approved Arrangements site (East Arm Wharf) as directed by the department. The containment of the cargo, movement and treatment must be performed under supervision by the department of at a fee for service. To arrange this service, contact the Cargo Duty Officer at Darwin Port.</p> <p>Contact details the <b>Cargo Duty Officer</b> at Darwin Port. <b>24/7 Contact number</b> : 08 8919 0856 – <b>Mobile</b>: 0488 527 136 – <b>Email</b>: cargo@darwinport.com.au</p>
<b>Report</b>	<p>Biosecurity risks and incidents must be reported to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Local biosecurity officer 08 8998 4927</li><li>2. <b>See.Secure.Report</b> hotline number: <b>1800 798 636</b></li><li>3. <a href="#">Report a Biosecurity Concern Online Form</a> <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/report">http://www.agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/report</a></li><li>4. Land Development Corporation – Jenny Strang – 0400 253 171 or 08 8944 0900</li></ol>
<b>Treat</b>	<p>Treatment providers must be provided access to undertake urgent responses in a timely manner. A list of approved treatment providers can be considered: <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/arrival/arrangements/sites">http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/arrival/arrangements/sites</a></p> <p>Access to the facility is by a registered phone operated gate system. To gain access to the site contact the Land Development Corporation office on 08 8944 0900.</p> <p>Note: 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>



**Biosecurity Isolation Area Map**