

Template Biosecurity Plan – Service Providers and Field Teams

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1 Context & plan

1.1 CONTEXT

This template plan has been drawn up in response to the Tasmanian Governments Biosecurity Act 2019, especially the General Biosecurity Duty (GBD). The requirements of the act have formed the framework for how this plan addresses Biosecurity management for service providers and businesses with field staff going on and off farms.

Biosecurity hygiene procedures will prevent the spread of common pests, diseases and weeds (endemic organisms) as well as, newly introduced pests, diseases and weeds (exotic organisms).

1.2 FURTHER REFERENCES

- Vegetable Industry Plan, useful for all staff: <https://ausveg.com.au/app/uploads/2018/06/Industry-Biosecurity-Plan-for-the-Vegetable-Industry.pdf> (suggest to provide to all staff)
- Car Kits and what is needed: <https://www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/biosecurity-basics-vehicle-biosecurity-kit/>

1.3 TEMPLATE PLAN

BIOSECURITY MATTER (WHAT ARE WE CONCERNED ABOUT)	CARRIER (HOW COULD IT SPREAD)	DEALINGS (WHAT IS HAPPENING)	MITIGATION PLANS (WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General 	<p>Weed seeds, viruses, bacteria, fungal spores, and soil borne pests and diseases can be spread by people on all clothing and hands, and all types of vehicles and equipment.</p>	<p>A log of sites visited will be maintained by each agronomist (diary, paper or electronic).</p> <p>Agronomists carry a biosecurity kit in the vehicle.</p>	
<p>Weed seeds, viruses, bacteria, fungal spores, and soil borne pests and diseases.</p>	<p>Vehicles</p>	<p>When Agronomists/Field Officers travel between paddocks and farms for crop inspections and sampling.</p> <p>Other labour and support staff entering paddocks for crop maintenance activities</p>	<p>The team will:</p> <p>Take their vehicles on public roads and farm laneways.</p> <p>Enter paddocks in a farm owned vehicle or on foot (clean boots).</p> <p>If it is required to enter with their own vehicle, this will be done after cleaning off loose dirt and plant material and disinfecting tyres (e.g. using backpack spray unit with suitable disinfectant solution).</p> <p>The team will regularly clean their vehicles required to keep off loose dirt (min weekly) with a pressure washer.</p> <p>A log of sites visited will be maintained by each agronomist (diary, paper or electronic).</p> <p>Ensure machinery and other crop maintenance equipment is cleaned between paddocks.</p>

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Weed seeds, viruses, bacteria, fungal spores, and soil borne pests and diseases.	Boots	<p>When Agronomists travel between paddocks and farms for crop inspections and sampling.</p> <p>Other labour and support staff entering paddocks for crop maintenance activities</p>	<p>The team will scrape down their boots, cleaning off all dirt and use a disinfectant spray on the soles at the edge of the paddock or in the laneway prior to departure.</p> <p>Boot scrapers/brushes will be installed in or on the vehicles to allow cleaning boots at the vehicle prior to departure.</p> <p>Boots and the scrapers/brushes will be rinsed off prior to departure.</p> <p>F10 disinfectant will be utilised when needed on remaining dirt.</p>
	Equipment &/or samples.	<p>Soil or plant sampling for testing.</p> <p>Other labour and support staff entering paddocks for crop maintenance activities</p>	<p>Equipment will be brushed clean and/or washed and disinfected between sampling activities.</p> <p>Excess sample material will be disposed in a manner to avoid potential transmission risk i.e. in the paddock it was collected from or in the general wastebin (landfill).</p> <p>Ensure machinery and other crop maintenance equipment is cleaned between paddocks.</p>
Weed seeds, viruses, bacteria, fungal spores, and soil borne pests and diseases.	Clothing and hands.	All staff and casual labour.	Hands are washed with soap and water, or hand sanitiser is used after handling soils and plant materials and before entering another crop.

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			Heavily soiled clothing is removed or disinfected (spray) between crops. It is best to use gaiters or waterproof pants.
Weed seeds, viruses, bacteria, fungal spores, and soil borne pests and diseases.	Pallets, and other packaging material	Deliveries of farm inputs, parts and other items for use on farm	<p>Deliver product to designated areas on farm (eg. Chem sheds) as appropriate.</p> <p>Retain pallets and packaging material where not required for the safe transport of the goods on farm.</p> <p>Alert the farm management of delivered product, and location so that it can be used/stored as needed.</p>