

Regulatory Priorities 2022-23 - Biosecurity & Food Safety Compliance

Biosecurity & Food Safety (BFS) Compliance supports and partners with stakeholders to regulate biosecurity, food safety and animal welfare industries and assist with emergency responses. We promote industry best practice and voluntary compliance through extension, education and training. We focus activities where the risks are greatest and escalate intervention for wilful, persistent or more serious non-compliance. We acknowledge that the scale and complexity of emergency management (EM) responses demands greater effort, meaning that our risk-based, outcomes-focused compliance activities may need to be re-prioritised during EM operations.

Our enduring priorities



Compliance

We conduct risk-based, outcomes-focused compliance activities to maintain market access, verify food is safe to eat, and contribute to positive animal welfare outcomes.



Investigations

We investigate unlicensed/unregistered activities, complaints, foodborne illness outbreaks, and pest and disease issues.



Education

We develop and provide compliance education and training for partners, industry and stakeholders to drive behaviour change.



Licensing and Accreditation

We assess, issue and renew licences and accreditations to maintain market access and protect animal welfare.



Emergency Response

We maintain and enhance an agile and responsive workforce with surge and systems capacity to assist in EM operations.

Strategic Priorities 2022-23



Food Safety

Priority: Develop and implement a case management system (MAX) template for food incident response including a Sample Collection App.

Priority: Conduct a targeted compliance operation on poor performing manufacturing and wholesaling food businesses.



Biosecurity

Priority: Pilot and implement an artificial intelligence enabled QLD/NSW border camera system for cattle tick to better target non-compliant operators.

Priority: Collaborate with Local Land Services to strengthen compliance partnerships and capabilities.

Priority: Participate in biosecurity emergency responses to varroa mite; prevent and prepare for emergency animal diseases.

Priority: Conduct a targeted bee operation to monitor compliance with the Biosecurity Varroa Mite (Emergency Order) 2022.



Education

Priority: Develop and deliver an 8-part webinar series on biosecurity legislation for authorised officers. Complemented by interactive Q&A workshops.

Priority: Develop and deliver a food sampling training package and investigations eLearning modules for authorised officers.



Animal Welfare

Priority: Develop a targeted communication strategy to improve compliance for Exhibited Animals and Animal Research.

Priority: Develop and implement online forms for Exhibited Animals and Hemp applicants.



Systems Capacity

Priority: Develop and implement case management system (MAX) templates for Emergency Animal Diseases and operational programs.