Summary of key changes

Biosecurity Regulation Amendment – Biosecurity Management Plans

What is new?

From 1 August 2019, people entering premises/areas where a biosecurity management plan applies must comply with the measures outlined in the plan.

Implementing a biosecurity management plan will remain voluntary, but where a landholder adopts a biosecurity management plan, it will become a legal requirement to obey relevant signs, procedures and measures outlined in the plan.

What does it mean?

The amendment to the Biosecurity Regulation 2017 provides extra protection against biosecurity risks caused by unlawful entry to premises. The changes make it mandatory for any farm or site visitors to comply with a biosecurity management plan, where there is a plan in place. Additionally, the amendment creates an offence for not complying with the biosecurity management plan. Compliance with a biosecurity management plan is a mandatory measure and failing to comply with a mandatory measure is an offence under Section 25 the Biosecurity Act 2015.

Will I be obstructed from inspecting a property?

Within this regulation amendment, Division 12 doesn’t apply to Authorised Officers (e.g from LLS, DPI BFS), and other persons authorised to enter the property under an Act or other law. This is prescribed in Clause 44A(2) and would include, but not be limited to Authorised Officers (Biosecurity Act 2015, Food Act 2003, Fisheries Management Act 1994), Police officers (Police Act 1901), Inspectors (Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979) entering under their prescribed legislation.
Where can you get further information on this from?

There's more information available on the DPI website with additional FAQ's.

Alternatively, step by step:

2. Biosecurity & Food Safety Tab
3. Your role in Biosecurity
4. Primary producers
5. Business Management Plan

What to do if you receive questions that you can’t answer?

Don’t guess. If you don’t know the answer, write down any questions you’re asked, and send them through to the general Local Land Services Hotline on 1300 795 299 or through Local Land Services State Operations. These avenues will house answers to those FAQ's you may have, or may be asked.