

Biosecurity & Food Safety Compliance Regulatory Priorities 2023 - 2024

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 willful, persistent or more serious non-compliance. The scale and complexity of emergency responses demands greater effort, meaning our risk-based, outcomes-focused compliance activities may need to be reprioritised during active responses.

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 emergency situations.

Strategic Priorities 2023-24



Food Safety

Priority: Monitor compliance with the mandatory testing requirements for licensed egg producers under the amended [Biosecurity \(Salmonella Enteritidis\) Control Order 2020](#).



National Livestock identification System

Priority: Improve [National Livestock Identification System](#) (NLIS) compliance through targeted operations focused on the livestock processing sector and property to property movements

Priority: Conduct joint operations with partner agencies to generally improve NLIS traceability across the food supply chain.

Priority: Drive voluntary compliance with sheep and goat processors required to implement electronic identification scanning using targeted compliance actions.



Emergency response

Priority: Monitor commercial and recreational beekeeper compliance with the [Biosecurity \(Varroa Mite\) Emergency Order](#).

Priority: Deliver compliance operations to reduce the risk of incursion by invasive ants under the [Biosecurity \(Invasive Ant Carriers\) Control Order 2023](#) and other statutory instruments.



Governance

Priority: Conduct a review into the application of cost recovery opportunities to identified risk owners across biosecurity (including a cattle tick owner treatment program) and exhibited animal industries.

Priority: Develop a governance framework to prioritise system improvements requested by hazard and emergency response managers (e.g. MAX, Byte and webforms and online applications).