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BIOSECURITY INCIDENT RESPONSE
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SCOPE

The scope of this document will provide guidance and instruction to comply with Australia's biosecurity requirements and reporting process within the DMSB. ASCO will ensure Biosecurity briefings and information are available and displayed prominently around the DMSB providing contact details and response requirements in the case of a Biosecurity Event.

PURPOSE

Protecting Australia's biosecurity is a responsibility shared by Government, industry, and the community. Biosecurity risk management practices implemented by industry can assist in maintaining Australia's pest and disease biosecurity status and significantly reduce contamination that leads to schedule slippage and increased project costs. ASCO Australia is committed to ensuring biosecurity regulations are met and maintained for all operational activities within the DMSB.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT TITLE	INTERNAL/EXTERNAL
Biosecurity Act (2015)	External
DMSB Induction	Internal
Darwin Port Handbook	External
Emergency Response Plan (DMSB)	Internal
Handbook (DMSB)	Internal
Port Management Act	External
Ports Management Regulations	External

ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
Biosecurity Incident	A biosecurity incident is an unintentional, unforeseen, or uncontrolled exposure to exotic pests and diseases
DMSB	Darwin Marine Supply Base
DP	Darwin Port
EAW	East Arm Wharf

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ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

ROLE	RESPONSIBILITIES
Marine Supply Base Manager & Coordinators	Oversee the implementation and ensure continual review of this Work Aid Ensure competent advice and support is provided to employees and facility users in meeting the requirements of this Work Aid Deliver on any relevant information from this Work Aid to Facility users and stakeholders Consider biosecurity risk when conducting site inspections
Regional HSSEQ Manager	Oversee the implementation and ensure continual review of this Work Aid Ensure competent advice and support is provided to employees and facility users in meeting the requirements of this Work Aid Deliver on any relevant information from this Work Aid to Facility users and stakeholders Consider biosecurity risk when conducting site inspections
DMSB Security	Oversee the implementation and ensure continual review of this Work Aid Ensure competent advice and support is provided to employees and facility users in meeting the requirements of this Work Aid Deliver on any relevant information from this Work Aid to Facility users and stakeholders Consider biosecurity risk when conducting site inspections
DMSB Stakeholders	Oversee the implementation and ensure continual review of this Work Aid Ensure competent advice and support is provided to employees and facility users in meeting the requirements of this Work Aid Deliver on any relevant information from this Work Aid to Facility users and stakeholders Consider biosecurity risk when conducting site inspections

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BIOSECURITY REPORTING

All personnel operating within and visiting the DMSB have a responsibility to report biosecurity hazards that have the potential to cause harm the local or regional environment and/or impact on operations.

Some examples of a biosecurity hazards are listed below.

- Rubbish bag splitting and spilling contents
- Sighting of hitchhiker pest on an arriving vessel
- Pooling water in a blocked drain or traffic barrier
- Discovery of an ant's nest in the DMSB
- Sighting of animals on the wharf

Biosecurity events should be immediately reported to ASCO Management team and to DMSB Security. Biosecurity events will be coordinated by ASCO and relayed to Darwin Port and the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry as soon as practical after discovery, as necessary.

ACTIONS ON DISCOVERY OF BIOSECURITY

Actions to be undertaken are highlighted but not limited to the below:

- Biosecurity risks contained
- Spillages swept up, double bagged and disposed of in a biosecurity approved receptacle
- Biosecurity waste will not be held on site, all waste will be reported to Darwin Port Landside Officer
- Waste will be collected by Darwin Port Landside Officer and passed to Biosecurity Surveillance Team for further analysis
- Pesticide spray shall be applied by appointed person/s to contain the spread of flying or mobile insects e.g., moths, lady bugs, stink bugs
- Live ants, bees and wasps can be extremely dangerous so do not disturb them. Take a picture and record the location, do not move it. Report to DMSB Security Guardhouse.
- Biosecurity events including spills, emission release or environmental contamination shall be reported, investigated, and recorded in LiveSafe Gateway, as outlined in Incident Management Procedure.

SUSPECTED BIOSECURITY ANIMALS OR MATERIAL FOUND

The Department of Agriculture works hard keeping unwanted pest out of Australia, working in a seaport we are in a unique position to notice unwanted pests and animals, and it is important that we report these to Biosecurity. It is a Biosecurity requirement that any animal, foreign or native found within the wharf area be destroyed. Animals must not be caught and relocated. Please do not try and handle animals yourself, monitor and await trained personal to arrive.

ANIMAL CONTROL CONTACTS

- **Darwin Port Cargo** 0488 527 136
- **Dept of Agriculture** See. Secure. Report (Hotline - 1800 675 888)

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Informing them of a biosecurity breach. If you are reporting an unusual bugs/flying insects etc DP will send a representative to collect a sample and report to Dept of Agriculture. If a large animal such as a bat/snake/cat they will alert, you to contact Dept of Agriculture direct to remove the animal.

Hitchhiker pests, seeds or residue

Pests and diseases can arrive in Australia unintentionally by hitching a ride on vessels or cargo. Common hitchhiker pests include ants, lizards, bees, snakes, toads, snails and even feral animals.

Here are some examples of hitchhiker pests that were found in recent years by seaport workers like you.



Brown marmorated stink bug found on a caravan from the United States at the Port of Brisbane.



Snail shells found on containers at the Port Adelaide.



Spider found on a vehicle from the United States at the Port of Brisbane.



Pacific Ground Boa snake found at the container cleaning facility at the Port of Brisbane.



Giant African snail found on the outside of a container at the Port of Darwin.



Black spined toad found in a container from China at the Port of Melbourne.

NON-CONFORMANCES

All non-conformances regarding this Work Aid shall be captured as a service improvement, as outlined in Service Improvement Procedure.

REVIEW

This procedure will be reviewed two yearly or when deemed necessary by ASCO Australia or stakeholder requests.