

Biosecurity and GIA Focus Group Meeting Notes Tuesday 6 August, 2019

The ApiNZ Biosecurity & GIA Focus Group met in Wellington on 6 August to receive an update from those members who attended the Biosecurity Act Review meetings held by MPI around NZ.

- The Group agreed to explore some of the points raised in the meetings in relation to our industry;
 - The proposal of new funding models
 - The review of the compensation model
 - The future of GIA under the different scenarios, noting that industries are still signing up to GIA.
 - Industry biosecurity plans eg combining health & safety and biosecurity.
- The Group agreed to set up meetings Beef & Lamb and Dairy NZ, Zespri/KVH and other relevant primary sectors to discuss how our industries are connected and work on some agreed standard practices for SHB and EFB etc.
- Further work would be undertaken to create Biosecurity WOF education eg. Records, clean vehicles, GPS tracking
- The Group discussed the Biosecurity Act Review including implications for GIA and our role in providing input into the review.
- There was a good Group discussion on GIA covering a range of relevant issues for the industry followed by a general discussion on next steps.
- The Group received an update on Small Hive Beetle pilot study covering the corflute traps that have been developed and are now awaiting validation.

Actions:

1. Set up meetings with Beef & Lamb and Dairy NZ, Zespri/KVH and other relevant primary sectors about how our industries are connected & have agreed standard practices.
 - Establish standard practices SHB, EFB etc.
 - Create Biosecurity WOF education eg. Records, clean vehicles, GPS tracking
2. Draft best practice/WOF template once feedback received from meetings above and for circulation to the Focus Group
3. Draft an article for the October Journal on the Group's work around biosecurity
5. Undertake a video presentation on the Small Hive Beetle pilot study covering the corflute traps at the next FG meeting.
6. Request a copy of Small Hive Beetle incursion plan form MPI.
7. Post Exotic a copy of the bee identification programme on to ApiNZ website