

Sunshine Coast Airport

Biosecurity Incident Response Procedure

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| Awareness | <p>A biosecurity incident is an unintentional, unforeseen or uncontrolled exposure to exotic pests and diseases.</p> <p>You must report biosecurity incidents immediately to allow the department to take measures to manage the risks to an acceptable level. Here are some examples of biosecurity risks with International flights</p> <p>Note: Ground Handling Agents are to also refer to their company Biosecurity procedure</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garbage bag splitting and spilling contents Sighting of hitchhiker pest on an arriving aircraft Discovery of foreign pests (ants nest, bees, wasps etc) </td><td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weed seeds present in the hold of an aircraft Soil contamination on exterior of aircraft container Waste water off arriving aircraft pooling </td></tr> </table> <p>Exotic pests or disease may actually be detected during a biosecurity incident, or they may only be suspected. For example, discovering webbing, borer holes, egg masses, or soil contamination are all examples of an actionable biosecurity incident.</p> <p><u>Biosecurity Awareness Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the Airports Biosecurity Awareness eLearning package via the following link: http://www.agriculture.gov.au/Documents/airport-biosecurity-elearning/index.html | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garbage bag splitting and spilling contents Sighting of hitchhiker pest on an arriving aircraft Discovery of foreign pests (ants nest, bees, wasps etc) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weed seeds present in the hold of an aircraft Soil contamination on exterior of aircraft container Waste water off arriving aircraft pooling |
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| Isolate | <p>Suspected or detected biosecurity risks must be isolated immediately:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isolate risks found at the landing place (such as ants nests, bee hives) using barriers to prevent any movement through the area. Segregate all goods away from the suspected biosecurity risk – domestic or otherwise – using an impervious barrier or a minimum pallet width from other goods and the boundary fencing. Confine and isolate imported goods containing a suspected biosecurity risk. Display signage to indicate the biosecurity isolation area. | | |
| Contain | <p>All biosecurity risks must be contained where safe to do so.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spillages must be swept up, double bagged and disposed of in a biosecurity receptacle Use knockdown spray to contain the spread of flying or mobile insects e.g. moths, lady bugs, stink bugs Collect a specimen to assist with identification Ants, bees and wasps can be very dangerous so do not disturb them. Take a photo and record the location. If detected on cargo, do not move it. Instead, take measures to isolate it. Close doors or create partitions to restrict movement Use tarpaulins to contain contamination or pest infestation | | |
| Report | <p>Biosecurity risks and incidents must be reported via the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Airport Safety Officer 0419 658 272 (Emergency After Hours Only: 3830 5251) | | |

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| | <p>2. See.Secure.Report hotline number: 1800 798 636</p> <p>3. Report a Biosecurity Concern Online Form</p> |
| Treat | <p>Treatment providers must be provided access to undertake urgent responses in a timely manner. Airport Safety Officer or the ground handling agent will provide access to allow a treatment provider to undertake urgent responses in a timely manner.</p> <p>Note: A list of approved treatment providers can be accessed via the link below:</p> <p>http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/arrival/arrangements/sites</p> <p>Refer to Class 12.1. There are potentially more providers, the ones listed are those who have chosen to have their names appear on the website.</p> <p>Note: If a departmentally approved treatment provider is not used to respond to a biosecurity risk, the treatment must be performed under supervision by a biosecurity officer at a fee for service.</p> |