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INTRODUCTION

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This report should be read as a companion volume to our report on the management of biosecurity risks ("the main report")¹. It contains seven case studies that highlight how departments have managed specific biosecurity risks. These case studies illustrate how departments have worked together, and how the policies and procedures of the Biosecurity Programme² have been applied in relation to specific biosecurity risks.

We follow the same structure in each of the case studies:

- the reasons for selecting the case study are explained;
- our key findings and recommendations are summarised; and
- a detailed discussion of issues relating to the particular case study is provided.

An explanation of key terms is given in paragraphs 1.27-1.38 of the main report, and a glossary of technical terms is provided as Appendix 1 to the main report.



¹ Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry: Management of Biosecurity Risks, ISBN 0-477-02898-5.

^{2 &}quot;The Biosecurity Programme" is the expression used in this report to refer to the Government's Biosecurity Programme. It is co-ordinated by MAF Biosecurity, which is the lead agency for managing risks to New Zealand's biosecurity.