

Biosecurity Amendment Act 2015

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Commencement see section 2

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

This Act is the Biosecurity Amendment Act 2015.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

3 Principal Act

This Act amends the Biosecurity Act 1993 (the **principal Act**).

4 Section 24E amended (Meaning of craft risk management standard)

In section 24E(1)(a), after "territory", insert "or the arrival of craft in the EEZ".

5 Section 110 amended (Warrant to inspect dwellinghouse, marae, etc)

- (1) In section 110(1), replace "authorising the inspector or authorised person" with "authorising every inspector and authorised person".
- (2) In section 110(3)(a), replace "authorises the inspector or authorised person" with "authorises every inspector and authorised person".

6 Section 142A amended (Establishment)

In section 142A(5)(a), replace "in the public domain" with "that is publicly available, as defined in section 142C(7)".

7 Section 142C amended (Access, use, or disclosure)

- (1) Replace the heading above section 142C(1) with: "Publicly available information".
- (2) In section 142C(1), replace "comes from the public domain" with "is publicly available".
- (3) Replace the heading above section 142C(2) with: "*Information that is not publicly available*".
- (4) In section 142C(2), (4), and (5), replace "comes from any other source" with "is not publicly available".
- (5) After section 142C(2)(f), insert:
 - "(g) to access, use, or disclose it for statistical or research purposes, provided that the information accessed, used, or disclosed—
 - "(i) does not identify any person; and
 - "(ii) is not published in any form that could reasonably be expected to identify any person:

- "(h) to authorise other persons to access and use it for statistical or research purposes, provided that the information used—
 - "(i) does not identify any person; and
 - "(ii) is not published in any form that could reasonably be expected to identify any person."
- (6) After section 142C(6), insert:
 - "Meaning of publicly available
- "(7) In this section and section 142A(5)(a), information that is **publicly available** means information that—
 - "(a) comes directly or indirectly from a source that is, or was at the time of collection, available to the public; or
 - "(b) the Director-General believes on reasonable grounds is available to the public."

8 Section 161 amended (Evidence in proceedings)

- (1) In section 161(2)(d) and (e), delete "by that chief technical officer" in each place.
- (2) In section 161(2)(d)(ii), replace "the certificate:" with "the certificate: or".
- (3) After section 161(2)(d)(ii), insert:
 - "(iii) a person accredited for a particular function under section 103(7):".
- (4) In section 161(2)(e)(ii), replace "the certificate:" with "the certificate; or".
- (5) After section 161(2)(e)(ii), insert:
 - "(iii) a person accredited for a particular function under section 103(7):".
- (6) Replace section 161(2)(f) with:
 - "(f) a certificate purporting to be signed by the principal officer of a regional council stating that a person specified in the certificate is—
 - "(i) an authorised person appointed under section 103(3) in relation to a regional pest management plan or a regional pathway management plan or a small-scale management programme specified or described in, or attached to, the certificate; or

"(ii) a person accredited for a particular function under section 103(7):".

Legislative history

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24 March 2015	Third reading
25 March 2015	Royal assent

This Act is administered by the Ministry for Primary Industries.