

Biosecurity Incident Response Procedure (BIRP)

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Referenced Documents
<i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i>
<i>Biosecurity Regulations 2016</i>
<i>Approved Arrangement 1.1 - Sea and air freight depot (unrestricted)</i>

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to document the procedure for responding to a Biosecurity Incident.

2. SCOPE

This applies to the response to a biosecurity incident at Fort Hill Wharf or East Arm Wharf by Darwin Port and Port Users.

3. PRELUDE

The *Biosecurity Act 2015* sets a number of requirements and Darwin Port must maintain its *Approved Arrangement 1.1 - Sea and air freight depot (unrestricted)* for its status as a first point of entry (FPOE) port. The capability of being able to immediately respond to an incident are part of these requirements.

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4. PROCEDURE

Darwin Port Operations Pty Ltd - East Arm Wharf / Fort Hill Wharf
Biosecurity Incident Response Procedure

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:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spillage of bulk product during unload on the wharf Garbage bag splitting and spilling contents Sighting of hitchhiker pest on an arriving vessel Pooling water in a blocked drain / old tyre </td> <td style="padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discovery of an ants nest in the port precinct Soil contamination on exterior of container Borer holes or frass under dunnage Sighting of a rat on the wharf </td> </tr> </table> <p>Exotic pests or diseases 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 Seaports Biosecurity Awareness eLearning package via the following link: http://www.agriculture.gov.au/Documents/seaports-biosecurity-elearning/index.html View the Cargo Pest Awareness Video via the following link: http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/before/pests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spillage of bulk product during unload on the wharf Garbage bag splitting and spilling contents Sighting of hitchhiker pest on an arriving vessel Pooling water in a blocked drain / old tyre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discovery of an ants nest in the port precinct Soil contamination on exterior of container Borer holes or frass under dunnage Sighting of a rat on the wharf
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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 port (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 imported goods containing a suspected biosecurity risk to the isolation area. The wash bay, transit shed, or other hardstand area out of the weather may be used to isolate the goods. Display a “Biosecurity Area – Authorised persons only” sign to indicate the biosecurity isolation area. The Biosecurity Incident Response Kit contains temporary “Biosecurity Area – Authorised persons only” signs. <p>When an ill traveller is detected, seek and follow the directions of Biosecurity officers from the Department of Agriculture. A Biosecurity officer will perform an assessment of the ill</p>		

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traveller and seek direction from the Department of Health as required. Ill travellers are not permitted to remain on the wharf or cruise ship terminal area and must be confined to their vessel. If urgent medical assistance is required, then an ambulance must be called immediately for transport to hospital.

Contain

All biosecurity risks must be contained where safe to do so:

- 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

Biosecurity Incident Response Kits containing insecticide knock down sprays, disinfectants, waste bags, specimen jars and other clean up equipment are located at:

- East Arm Wharf - Oil Spill Trailer
- Fort Hill Wharf - Oil Spill Trailer
- East Arm Wharf - Transit Shed
- Fort Hill Wharf – Cruise Ship Terminal Biosecurity Room
- East Arm Wharf – DP Cargo Office

Biosecurity Incident Response Kits are to be entered into the MEX maintenance program to ensure regular checks and the kit is maintained.

Biosecurity Waste is to be placed in “Biosecurity Waste” labelled bags and placed in a “Biosecurity Waste” labelled waste receptacle. Darwin Port Cargo Duty Officer will be able to advise on the location of a biosecurity waste bin. The waste is to be removed by approved biosecurity waste transporter. List of approved transporters can be found at:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/arrival/arrangements/sites>.

These include:

- Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd
- Tox Free Australia Pty Ltd

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Report

Biosecurity incidents are to be reported to Darwin Port:

1. DP Cargo Duty Officer 0488 527 136, cargo@darwinport.com.au

The Duty Cargo Officer is to notify Darwin Port’s Health Safety and Environment section and the General Manager of Operations.

Biosecurity risks and incidents must be reported to the Department of Agriculture via the:

1. Local biosecurity officer 8920 7040
2. **See.Secure.Report** hotline number: **1800 798 636**
3. Report a Biosecurity Concern Online Form

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/report>

Treat

Treatment providers must be provided access to undertake urgent responses in a timely manner.

Fumigation can be undertaken by the approved operator Rentokil, 6/ 66 Coonawarra Road, Winnellie NT, (08) 8984 3799 or 1300 307 825.

A complete list of approved treatment providers (NT) can be accessed via the link below:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/arrival/arrangements/sites>

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.

Class 10.6 Biosecurity Waste Transport

Class Code	Registration #	Registered Name	Trading Name	Address	Physical State	Manned Depot
10.6	C1139	Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd		13 Beaton Road Berrimah NT 0828	NT	N
10.6	C1147	Tox Free Australia Pty Ltd		12 Mendis Road East Arm NT 0828	NT	N

Class 8.3: Autoclave

Class Code	Registration #	Registered Name	Trading Name	Address	Physical State	Manned Depot
8.3	C1139	Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd		13 Beaton Road Berrimah NT 0828	NT	N

Class 4.6 Fumigation

Class Code	Registration #	Registered Name	Trading Name	Address	Physical State	Manned Depot
4.6	C1169	Darwin Port Operations Pty Ltd		East Arm Wharf Complex Berrimah NT 0828	NT	N

Class 8.2: Deep burial

Class Code	Registration #	Registered Name	Trading Name	Address	Physical State	Manned Depot
8.2	C0020	City of Darwin	Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility	Shoal Bay Access Road Karama NT 0812	NT	N

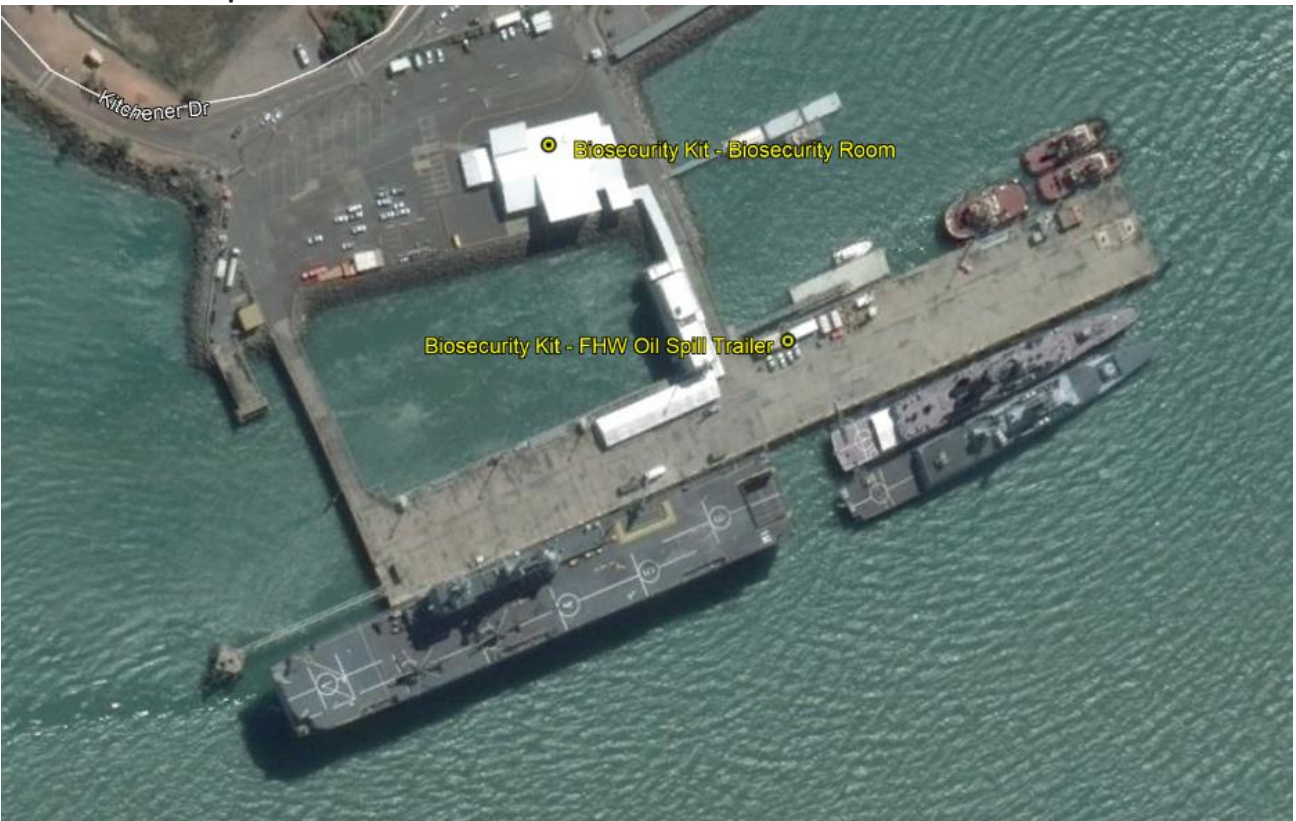
Class 12.1 Methyl Bromide Fumigation

Class Code	Registration #	Registered Name	Trading Name	Address	Physical State	Manned Depot
12.1	C1153	Rentokil Initial Pty Ltd		6/66 Coonawarra Road Winnellie NT 0820	NT	N

East Arm Wharf Map



Fort Hill Wharf Map



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