

GOVERNMENT AND LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY COST SHARING DEED

IN RESPECT OF EMERGENCY ANIMAL DISEASE RESPONSES

14. BIOSECURITY

- (a) The Parties acknowledge the need for a program of risk reduction measures, complementary to the Deed, to reduce the risk of the entry and spread of EADs including biosecurity measures for implementation and maintenance at national, regional and individual premises levels.
- (b) Animal Health Australia has developed, and will further develop and continue to manage, a national disease risk mitigation program that includes consultative mechanisms to facilitate governments and livestock Industry Parties working together to develop and agree all aspects of the program including:
 - (i) Industry biosecurity plans that will describe how each Industry will promote improvements to existing biosecurity measures used within that Industry;
 - (ii) statements by government Parties outlining biosecurity policies and programs relevant to their responsibilities including feral animal, public health and environmental policies;
 - (iii) first drafts of the plans and statements for consideration by September 2001 and endorsement by Parties of final plans and statements by March 2002;
 - (iv) application of legislative support where appropriate; and
 - (v) a national communications program that will raise community awareness of the importance of biosecurity measures.
- (c) The National Disease Risk Mitigation Program will be reviewed annually in conjunction with the Parties as part of Animal Health Australia's annual review process.
- (d) Progress in implementation of biosecurity strategies for government and Industry Parties will be reviewed commencing in October 2002 and again commencing in October 2003.