

Subject: EI Crisis Management Update #2 (9 Oct 07)

MAF/BNZ – Vaccination Issues and Outbreak Prevention/Management

We are engaging with MAF/BNZ to check current understandings, preparations and possibilities in these areas, as an incursion or outbreak could happen anytime.

Crisis Management Co-ordination Group

We have attached Terms of Reference for this group we are pulling together, to be finalised by the group once its composition is confirmed and it starts work next week. The six-eight members will be drawn from the following backgrounds: NZRB (convenor), racing industry, equestrian sports, EHA, MAF/BNZ, and a business/industry strategist, with NZRB providing executive support including facilitation, communications, project management and administration.

Understanding the Virus and Some of the Issues

Trackside TV is broadcasting the EHA and MAF presentations from the 2 October workshop tomorrow at noon and again at 6.00am this Thursday and Friday.

You could also visit www.biosecurity.govt.nz and check out the EI section and facts sheets linked off “I would like information on...” or “People always ask us about...” on the home page. (We will be establishing a one-stop website shortly.)

Nobody Can Relax

It is really great the way everyone is engaging and working together on this issue, and we appreciate the support NZRB is getting for pulling the co-ordination group together. But, we are a way from having a functioning plan in place and being confident that everyone involved is able to respond appropriately. The key to preventing or controlling an EI outbreak in NZ will always be individuals in contact with horses doing the right thing.

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