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BIOLOGICALS CONSULTATIVE GROUP (BCG)  
OUT OF SESSION INFORMATION PAPER**

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The AQIS Biological Imports Program (BIP) is distributing this out of session Information Paper to inform BCG members of recent developments and changes to BIP processes. Information in this paper is 'Unclassified' i.e. the paper may be distributed freely.

**Item 1 - AQIS Biological Imports Program Notices**

The Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) offers a free subscription service for stakeholders wishing to receive notices from DAFF programs. This subscription service now includes the **AQIS Biological Imports Program Notices** which gives BIP clients the opportunity to receive BIP specific advisory emails. The emails will notify clients of updates or changes to quarantine import conditions for all biological material e.g. foods and animal feeds, therapeutics and laboratory material.

Clients wishing to subscribe to this service can go to:

<https://www.test.daff.gov.au/Applications/DaffMailer/User/Default.aspx>

The details at the bottom of this webpage need to be completed to successfully subscribe. BIP clients will have the opportunity to unsubscribe to the service at any time.

The creation of the AQIS Biological Imports Program Notices subscription service has been in response to concerns raised by industry regarding the effectiveness of communication of BIP process change. As an additional tool for communication it is expected that this subscription service will strengthen communication between industry and the BIP.

**Item 2 – Changes to the application form for AQIS In Vivo Approvals**

Currently AQIS In Vivo Approval documents are sent to applicants using fax and post. At previous BCG meetings industry has requested that BIP consider the feasibility of sending these documents via email. In response to this request BIP has amended the In Vivo Approval application form to give applicants the opportunity to nominate whether they wish to have the approved document sent via fax/post or email.

To see a copy of the new application form please go to:

<http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis/import/biological/in-vivo/application>

BIP administration staff will send the approved In Vivo Approval documents using fax and post **or** email i.e. both options are not available. In instances where applicants have not indicated their preference for document delivery BIP staff will email the documents.

**Item 3 – Changes to the AQIS import permit condition for laboratory catalogues**

BIP has published an ICON Alert (PQA0693) regarding changes to the permit condition for laboratory catalogues. Please see the following webpage for further information on these changes:

[http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex\\_alertscontent.asp](http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_alertscontent.asp)