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Plantation Forest Owner

Biosecurity Levy

Mills and Marshalling Companies - Consultation Document

You have received this consultation document as you are identified as an existing data collection agent. The New Zealand Forest Owners Association (FOA) and the NZ Farm Forestry Association (FFA) acting on behalf of New Zealand plantation forest owners plans to apply to the Biosecurity Minister for a biosecurity levy under the Biosecurity Act. The biosecurity levy will be structured to raise a minimum of 80% of total funds from a levy on harvested wood products (logs, woodchips etc), and no more than 20% of total funds from a levy on commercial plantation forest cuttings/seedlings.

The biosecurity levy is completely separate from the existing forest grower harvested wood products levy and will only be used to raise industry funds to meet financial obligations incurred by the plantation forest industry as a signatory to a Government Industry Agreement for an agreed response to a biosecurity incursion.

The biosecurity levy will initially be set at zero and will only be activated once an incursion is accepted for response.

The point of application of the biosecurity levy is the same as for the harvested wood products levy. It will use the data you already supply for the harvested wood products levy. You DO NOT need to supply additional data to that already supplied for the harvested wood products levy and as is currently the case the forest owner ultimately pays the levy.

If the entity firstly levied is not the forest owner then they are expected to pass the levy through to the forest owner. The various product owners in the supply chain have the right to recover the biosecurity levy from the previous owner, until the biosecurity levy is ultimately paid by the forest owner.

As is currently the case, to ensure security of information only the company managing the levy collection system will have access to individual company data. Data identifying the data

collector or the biosecurity levy payer can only be used for levy collection purposes. Amalgamated data may be used by the FOA/FFA to manage the biosecurity levy.

The biosecurity levy has been structured to provide the ability to raise a maximum of approximately \$10 million per year. If necessary, costs will be spread over a period of years to manage the impact.

Consultation will continue until the biosecurity levy application is lodged with MPI in mid-2018.

Your participation and co-operation in supporting the development and operation of the FOA/FFA biosecurity levy is very much appreciated. Please direct any feedback to Glen Mackie (contact details below).

More detailed information covering common questions and answers, plus scenarios for different incursions is available at: <http://nzfoa.org.nz/committees/forest-biosecurity-committee>

Yours sincerely



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