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## 1. POLICY COVERAGE

### 1.1 Scope

This policy covers the movement of all personnel and cargo to and from New Zealand and Antarctica and between sites within Antarctica.

### 1.2 Statement

Antarctica New Zealand is committed to the biosecurity of both Antarctica and New Zealand. We aim to conserve Antarctic biodiversity and intrinsic values by preventing the unintended introduction to the Antarctic region of species not native to that region, and the movement of species within Antarctica from one biogeographic zone to any other. We also aim to protect or manage risks to New Zealand's unique environment from imported pests and diseases.

To achieve this, we will:

- Comply with, and where possible, exceed all national legislation and Antarctic Treaty system requirements. No movement of animal, plant, microorganism or soil to Antarctica or New Zealand will be undertaken without the appropriate permits under the relevant legislation.
- Create a Biosecurity Group to lead the development and review of standard practices and procedures and coordinate information sharing on biosecurity measures across the organisation.
- Work with experts (Ministry of Primary Industries, Environmental Protection Authority, Department of Conservation and others) and the science community to develop and implement best practice biosecurity procedures.
- Ensure all clothing, footwear, equipment, cargo, shipping containers, food and packaging bound for Antarctica or New Zealand are inspected, cleaned and free of any risk items. Special consideration will be taken with poultry products, ensuring they are free from disease, not disposed of into the Antarctic environment or taken to any field sites near bird colonies.
- Provide training and education of our biosecurity procedures and communicate our requirements to all programme personnel, suppliers and the public.
- Monitor and audit our activities for compliance and report on our performance.

### 1.3 Legislation and Standards

- Antarctica (Environmental Protection) Act (1994)
- Biosecurity Act (1993)
- Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act (1996)

## 2. KEY DEFINITIONS

Biosecurity: Controls to prevent unintentional transfer of organisms, diseases or biological material from one habitat to another.

Non-native species: an organism occurring outside its natural past or present range and dispersal potential, and whose presence and dispersal in Antarctica is due to intentional or unintentional human actions.

Introduction/introduced: direct or indirect movement, as a result of human activity, of an organism outside its natural range.

## 3. RELATED DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION

- [SOP BS - 001 Minimising the Risk of Non-Native Species reaching SB through AntNZ's Freshies Supply](#)
- [SOP BS - 002 Monitoring Invertebrate Traps at Scott Base 2017](#)
- [SOP BS - 003 Importing Preserved Animal Specimens from Scott Base to NZ](#)
- [Biosecurity Prevention and Response Plan](#)
- [COMNAP / SCAR Checklists for Supply Chain Managers of National Antarctic Programmes for the Reduction in the Risk of Transfer of Non-native Species](#)
- [Guidelines for collecting samples in Antarctica and returning them to New Zealand](#)

4. DOCUMENT HISTORY AND VERSION CONTROL TABLE			
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