

Proposed new Pathway Management Plan

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KVH is looking at a new regulation framework to better manage biosecurity risk to the kiwifruit industry. This is likely to be at no additional cost to growers from the current status. This fact sheet briefly explains what is being proposed. More detail is available in the accompanying consultation paper, also available online at www.kvh.org.nz.

Better prepared for the next biosecurity event

Biosecurity is one of the kiwifruit industry's biggest risks and we must be prepared.

Our biosecurity activities are numerous. They have significantly increased and evolved as we've come to better understand potential risks and their pathways.

We can better manage these with a new Pathway Management Plan that gives you better protection, more value for money, and increased simplicity around management of risk.

The proposed Plan will:

- ✓ detect biosecurity threats on kiwifruit industry pathways early, and reduce their spread
- ✓ ensure biosecurity threats can be rapidly traced (back and forward) on kiwifruit industry pathways
- ✓ improve understanding of kiwifruit industry pathway risks and effective cost-management
- ✓ be funded through a single levy that maintains current KVH funding levels (there is no new levy proposed).



Simpler, more consistent management of risk

Instead of focusing on a single pest or disease, like Psa, the proposed Plan (which will be fully developed and tested with you early next year) will focus on protection against the full range of biosecurity threats to the kiwifruit industry.

It will provide for a consistent and pragmatic approach to managing pathway risks such as young plants, international visitors, high-risk second hand or imported equipment.

Some examples of specific ways the Plan will be put into action and how it will be effective are:

- ✓ growing awareness and improved risk management
- ✓ applying results of science and research
- ✓ implementing standards that include hygiene and traceability requirements
- ✓ carrying out surveillance, monitoring, and testing
- ✓ applying movement controls on high-risk goods, including to and from abandoned orchards and areas with wild kiwifruit
- ✓ applying effective treatments to reduce risks.

Some examples of activities the Plan will help manage:

- ✓ reporting / providing information
- ✓ on-orchard biosecurity plans
- ✓ movement between the north and south islands
- ✓ hygiene practices when entering / leaving orchards
- ✓ young and mature kiwifruit plants
- ✓ seeds
- ✓ budwood
- ✓ pollen
- ✓ soil and compost
- ✓ abandoned orchards and wild kiwifruit.

Take the opportunity to have your say

KVH is consulting with growers and other industry groups (nurseries and post-harvest for example) about the proposed new Plan. Based on feedback received, a full plan and implementation schedule will be developed and shared in early 2020 for your input before it is finalised. Let us know your thoughts on the proposed Plan. Speak to any of the team, send an email to info@kvh.org.nz or phone 0800 665 825.