



BIOSECURITY NEWS

Are the right people in your Organisation getting the right information?

We are working to make our internal systems better for members. Part of this is ensuring the right people are getting access to up-to-date information as soon as it is available.

Did you know you can get MPI [ICPR updates](#) emailed directly to your export logistic managers? You can also sign up to receive [WTO ePing alerts](#).

SGNZ is refining our process for disseminating information directly to the relevant people by developing an ICPR and WTO distribution list.

If you don't think the right person in your organisation is receiving the right information let Cress know.

EPA Proposed Group Standards for Treated Seed

The EPA received 22 submissions on the Proposed Group Standard for Treated Seed.

SGNZ provided an importer and seed treatment applicator submission on behalf of members.

[Importers click here](#)

[Seed treatment click here](#)

Our position was supportive of the standard with further edits and clarifications. We considered further engagement was required. The EPA has 30 days to review submissions. Thanks to all those who provided input and feedback.

MPI has released its summary of submissions on the Biosecurity Act Review Available [here](#).

SGNZ's submission is available [here](#).

Key sections for SGNZ included development of import health standards, Section 24 independent review panels (MPI proposing to amend its review mechanism) and enabling third party verification at transitional facilities.

SGNZ will email out next steps when these are known.

EPA 's Proposed chlorpyrifos ban

SGNZ attended the EPA's chlorpyrifos hearing on the 9th April.

The Committee's indicated they required further information on chlorpyrifos use in arable seed production and vegetable seed production with regards to grass-grub control.

SGNZ will be following up the Committee's requests shortly.

Contact Sarah or Cressida
if you have any questions
on any of the above.



Sarah Clark



Cressida Patrick

*Please note that Cressida is on leave until Monday 28th April.
For urgent issues please contact Sarah.Clark@seedindustrynz.co.nz*

Click on the following links for more information & registration

[International Seed Testing Association Congress](#)

Christchurch, New Zealand

[Annual Golf Tournament](#) 15 May, Tinwald Golf Course, \$45.00 per person

[Women in Seed Forum](#) 27 May, Chateau on the Park, Christchurch

[Introduction Short Seed Course](#) 10 & 11 June, Templeton

[Advanced Short Seed Course](#) 17 & 18 June, Palmerston North

[Seed Business 2025](#) 25 August, Christchurch, New Zealand

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Meeting Schedule of SGNZ Executive Council

- Wednesday 28th May 2025

If you have any matters to raise with the Executive Council, please contact Sarah Clark