Notice to Industry 17 August 2011 42/2011

Enterprise Agreement Negotiations & Industrial Action

Who is affected by this notice?

This notice is for all AQIS clients.

What's the issue?

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry (DAFF) is continuing negotiations with the Community & Public Sector Union (CPSU) and staff on a new Enterprise Agreement for the next three years.

The CPSU has advised the Department that a stoppage of work in the form of two consecutive two hour periods will take place on Friday 19 August 2011.

- For CPSU members who are shift workers the two consecutive stoppages of
 work for two hour periods will occur at the commencement of the scheduled
 start time of the shift.
- For CPSU members who are not shift workers the two consecutive stoppages of work for two hour periods will occur at the commencement of their ordinary start time.

Business continuity plans have been activated in readiness for industrial action commencing on Friday 19 August. These same plans ensured the continuity of service delivery during previous industrial action and the department anticipates they will again ensure ongoing service delivery.

It is expected that operations will continue during periods of industrial action.

The Department is continuing negotiations with the CPSU in the hope that an agreement can be successfully concluded and industrial action can be avoided.

The Department will be minimising the impact on our staff, clients and stakeholders. For further assistance, please contact your regional AQIS office until further notice.