Notice to Industry

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22 September 2011

Enterprise Agreement Negotiations & Industrial Action

Who is affected by this notice?

This notice is for all AQIS clients.

What's the issue?

Industrial action has been taken by DAFF staff who are Community & Public Sector Union (CPSU) members while the department's Enterprise Agreement continues to be negotiated.

The CPSU has advised the department of a range of work stoppages and bans from Tuesday 27 September until 3 October 2011.

Previous industrial action taken by CPSU members has had minimal impact on business operations.

Business continuity plans are activated during periods of industrial action and business operations will be reassessed regularly. These plans aim to minimise disruption to operational areas.

Industrial action to note for grain and horticulture export inspection and certification activities, are:

Port of Brisbane - A stoppage of work for 1 hour starting at 2:00pm on Tuesday 27th of September

Export Park Adelaide – A stoppage of work for 2 hours starting at 8:00am on Tuesday 27th of September

SA regional grain inspectors – A stoppage of work for 2 hours starting at 8:00am on Tuesday 27th of September

Perth Regional Office – A stoppage of work for 1 hour starting at 11:00am on Tuesday 27th of September

Fremantle Office - A stoppage of work 1 hour stoppage of work starting at 11:00am on Tuesday 27th of September

AQIS House Tullamarine - A stoppage of work for 1 hour starting at 11:30am on Tuesday 27th of September

AQIS 255 Melrose Drive - A stoppage of work for 1 hour starting at 11:30am on Tuesday 27th of September

Bans on overtime and Ministerials will also take place in the Australian Capital Territory from Tuesday 27th of September to Monday 3rd October.

These bans for CPSU members in the ACT are:

All DAFF/AQIS worksites in the Australian Capital Territory – A ban on all overtime from 5:00am Tuesday 27th of September until 10:00pm on Monday 3rd of October

All DAFF/AQIS worksites in the Australian Capital Territory – A ban on all Ministerials from 5:00am Tuesday 27th of September until 10:00pm on Monday 3rd of October

The Department will be minimising the impact on our staff, clients and stakeholders and is expected that operations will continue during periods of industrial action.

The Department remains confident that an agreement with the CPSU can be reached.

For further assistance, please contact your regional AQIS office.