

## Biosecurity Alert on Non- Compliance for the Importation of Commercial Consignments

The Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (“BAF”) would like to officially notify all stakeholders on the review of requirements for commercial non-compliance and for the release of consignments on special dispensation.

This alert, therefore, serves to officially notify all importers that effective from 1 January 2019, a company will only be granted 3 special dispensations for the release of imported consignments.

Any further non-compliance will be a breach of Section 92(a) of the Biosecurity Act 2008, whereby a company will be liable to a fine of FJD\$2000 in addition to the fees associated with special dispensation for the release of the consignment.

### **Given below are fees and charges applicable for Special Dispensation:**

Fast track Import Permit (for processing within 24 hours)	\$354.25
Scientific consultation	\$102.66
Exemption from Biosecurity Import Requirements	\$102.66
Special Dispensation for Permit	\$173.58
<b>Total Fees Payable</b>	<b>\$733.15</b>

### **What you can do:**

**Obtain an import permit prior to the import of the consignment and ensure all import permit conditions are met upon arrival of consignment.**

Import Permit Application Forms can be obtained from BAF website [www.baf.com.fj](http://www.baf.com.fj)

For further clarifications please contact the Trade Facilitation & Compliance team at BAF Headquarters on 3312512 Ext 143 or alternatively, on email: [info@baf.com.fj](mailto:info@baf.com.fj)

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