



JOB DESCRIPTION -VETERINARIAN (RISK ASSESSMENT)

Opportunity to be part of a dynamic organization

Biosecurity Authority of Fiji ('BAF') is a Statutory Authority established pursuant to the Biosecurity Act 2008 with the mission to protect Fiji's unique biodiversity and facilitate international trade to and from Fiji.

Organizational Position

The post holder will be based at a designated BAF office and will report directly to the Principal Veterinary Officer ('PVO').

Job Purpose

The post aims to address service delivery, policy and strategic development in the Veterinary Section taking into account the advancements in import risk analysis (IRA) and export market access for animal and animal products and emerging biosecurity issues relevant to animal health.

Principal Accountabilities

- To provide integrated veterinary input into all aspects of BAF services in accordance with the BAF Annual Corporate Plan.
- To cooperate with Chief Veterinary Officer, Principal Veterinary Officer, Senior Veterinary Officer and other colleagues in advancing the vision, strategies, projects and milestones.
- To work with the Veterinary section and Permits section for Risk Analysis purposes.
- To assist the BAF veterinary team with liaisons and correspondences within BAF and other stakeholders.
- To assist Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO), Principal Veterinary Officer (PVO) and Senior Veterinary Officer (SVO) with research and the formulation of policies, strategies, objectives, standard setting and their effective implementation.
- To assist the BAF veterinary team on the development and implementation of policies and technical matters relating to the veterinary domain providing clear and practical advice on the economic and environmental forces which influence animal health.
- To assist the veterinary team with research relevant to animal, animal products.
- To facilitate safe trade (Import, Export) of live animal, animal products.

Key Activities

- Uphold the Biosecurity Act 2008 and all biosecurity laws of Fiji.
- In consultation with CVO, PVO and SVO, maintain direct liaison with stakeholders on emerging issues concerning animal health.
- To carry out Import Risk Analysis for animal and animal products and coordinate export market access for animal and animal products.
- Control, facilitate and coordinate export and import procedures for animal and animal products.
- To perform other duties as reasonably required and assigned by Chief Veterinary Officer, Principal Veterinary Officer and Senior Veterinary Officer.

- To investigate new imports and conduct Import risk analysis.
- Collaborate with animal permits team to investigate new imports of animal and animal products.
- To carry out scientific research in regards to all animal products.

Management of Staff and Resources

The post holder will be assigned a delegated management line of subordinates within the Veterinary Section. The post holder must ensure that all assigned personnel and resources are effectively utilized.

Qualification/Knowledge/Skills

- A Veterinarian eligible to be registered in Fiji under the Veterinary Surgeons Act.
- A bachelor's degree in Veterinary Medicine or Veterinary Science with at least 4 years' experience in the field of Veterinary medicine and Veterinary Administration.
- Knowledge on Quarantine Protocol of Animals, Import/Export Protocol of Animal and Animal Products, Laboratory Diagnostics, Epidemiology and Biosecurity will be added advantage.
- Knowledge in OIE international Standards and WTO SPS Agreement on safe trade is added advantage.
- Good understanding of modern farming and processing practices.
- Ability to work on one's own initiative within the statutory and policy framework.
- Strong teamwork, interpersonal and organizational skills.
- Excellent communications skills (verbal and written).
- Excellent customer skills.
- Proficient in Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Word, and Outlook.
- Proficient in internet search engine usage.
- Able to deliver effective results and targets under pressure and within tight deadlines.
- Good judgment and decision-making skills.

WHERE TO SEND YOUR APPLICATION

Complete written applications must include your curriculum vitae and the names of at least 2 referees with academic certificates and transcripts. Applications should be marked "Vacancy No. & Name" and must be sent either by post, hand delivery, or email to hrrecruit@baf.com.fj no later than 5:00 pm Friday 15th April, 2022.

Please send to

Recruitment
Biosecurity Authority of Fiji
PO Box 18360, Suva

OR

Hand deliver to

Level 3, Provident Plaza 1
Downtown Boulevard
Ellery Street, Suva

Please note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. If you have not been contacted by BAF, then your application has not been successful and we thank you for your interest in applying.

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