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Biosecurity Protocol

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This protocol, is intended for field staff who are working in environments where their equipment or clothing may collect and transport pathogens or invasive species between environments.

Some sites may have their own, specific biosecurity protocols (e.g. moving between separate farmers land) and this will be advised to any site staff prior to entering sites.

To prevent the spread of biotic agents between sites, EP Ecology will:

- Spray boots and equipment with Virkon S (a virucidal veterinary disinfectant) ensuring that all surfaces are cleaned, and removing caked mud or materials; and
- Clean all boots and equipment with a rough brush and water or soap between sites and allow these to dry.

EP Ecology has a COSHH assessment for Virkon and all staff will be made familiar with this assessment and the requirements for use of PPE with virkon before use.

All staff must be conscious of the risk of spreading disease or invasive plant species between site and will be cognisant not to enter areas with invasive species where they risk spreading these around a site.

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Date of next review: on or before 31 January 2024