To Whom It May Concern:

The Minister for Primary Industries is currently seeking nominations for a new member of the Biosecurity Ministerial Advisory Committee with suitable skills and experience in the **transport** sector. We will be seeking nominations from people in other sectors (Regional Council, Conservation, Science, Marine, Production and Economy) in September 2012.

As part of this process I am contacting stakeholders in the transport sector for nominations. You are welcome to nominate anyone you consider would be suitable. Self-nominations are also welcomed, provided that a letter of support from someone with knowledge of the transport sector, is provided with your application. Please feel free to pass this on to any colleagues you think may be interested and note that appointments will be made through the normal Cabinet Committee process.

While members of the Biosecurity Ministerial Advisory Committee bring a variety of perspectives and interests, they do not represent or advocate for any particular sector. The person appointed does not necessarily need to know about biosecurity either. What is important is that the person appointed is able to apply their knowledge to New Zealand's biosecurity system and how it impacts on economic, environmental, human health, social, cultural outcomes for New Zealand, the government and a wide range of stakeholder groups.

The Minister wants to appoint people who can make a positive contribution to biosecurity in New Zealand and who will bring their expertise, experience and networks in the transport sector to add to the high quality independent advice the committee provides.

A copy of the application form and further details about the application process are attached to this email.

If any applicants would like further information about BMAC they can visit:
http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/bio-strategy/strategic-unit/forums.htm

Please send your completed application forms to

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The closing date for applications is **14 July 2012**.