



**The Government Industry Agreement
on Biosecurity Readiness and
Response**

Biosecurity through Partnership

The **Government Industry Agreement on Biosecurity Readiness and Response** is:

- ❖ The **GIA**
- ❖ An integrated approach to prepare for and effectively respond to biosecurity risks through partnership

Outcome

- ▶ **Achieving better biosecurity outcomes**

Key elements

- ▶ **Joint decision-making and cost sharing**
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The Deed of Agreement

- ❖ Higher level policy and principles
- ❖ Provides for Operational Agreements and joint investment
- ❖ Heavy on partnerships: government & industry organisations
- ❖ References the powers of the revised Biosecurity Act
- ❖ Will need to have implementation processes developed
- ❖ A final Deed available for signing on **1 July 2013**

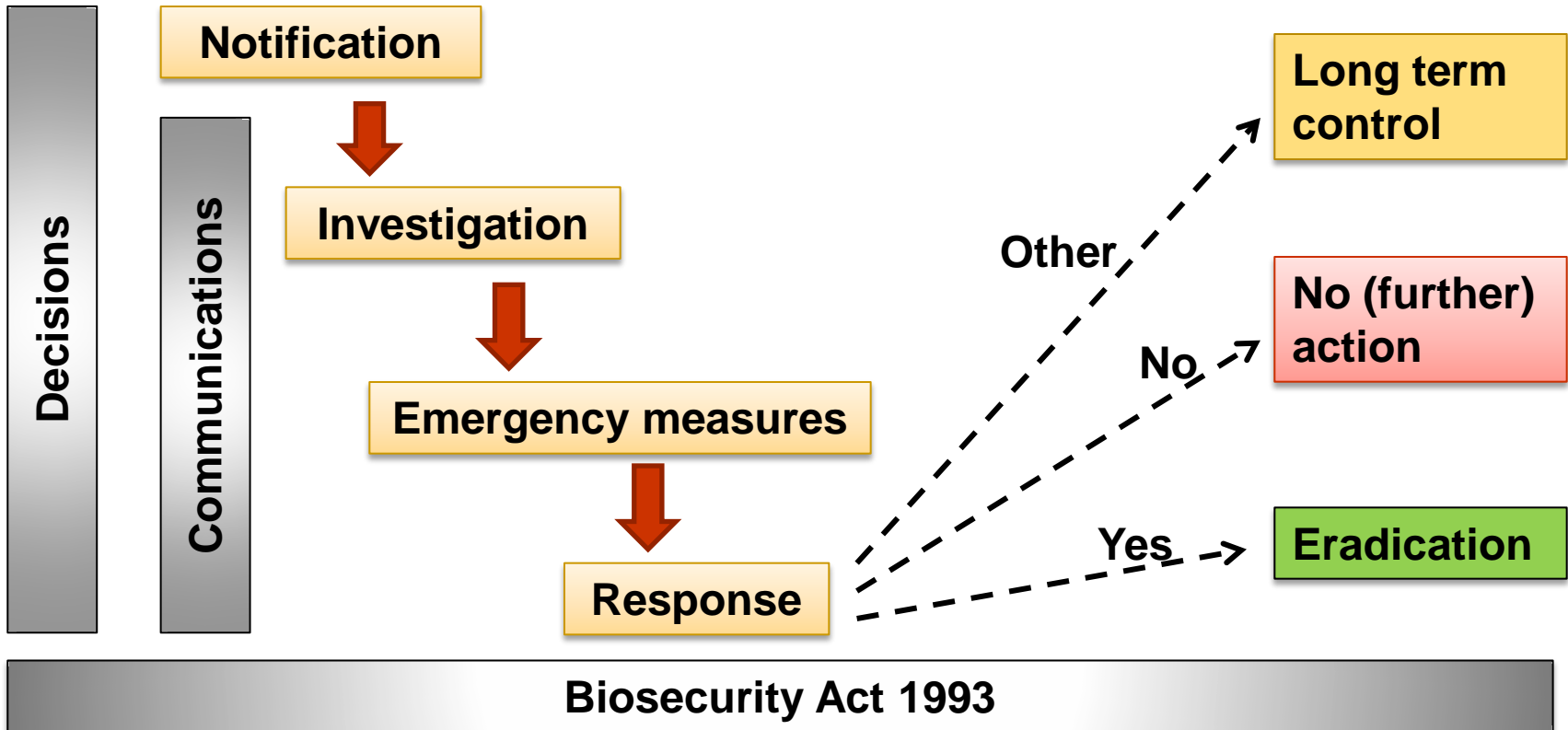
Operational Agreements

- ❖ Provide the contractual vehicle for delivering specific biosecurity outcomes agreed by government and industry(s)
- ❖ Readiness and/or response

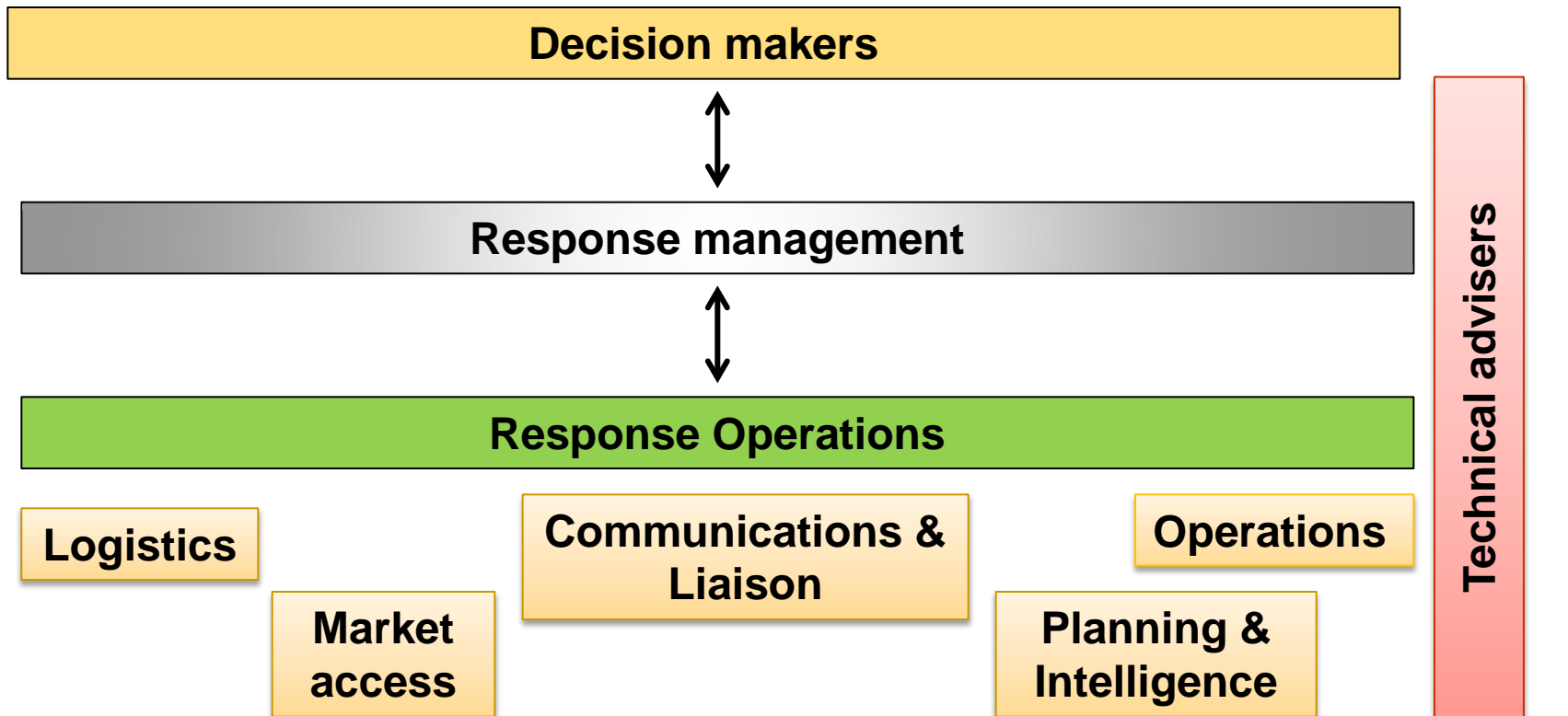
Partnership in response

- ❖ Industry is a part of the response system and processes
- ❖ Nominated contacts for:
 - Notification
 - Decision making
 - Technical advice
 - Communications
- ❖ Pre-agreed response strategies
- ❖ Joint decision-making
- ❖ Cost sharing
- ❖ Cost recovery

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Comparison – now and the future

Current arrangements

- ❖ MPI decides response and strategy
- ❖ Determines stop and start
- ❖ Initiates transition
- ❖ Government pays
- ❖ Industry ‘consulted’
- ❖ May or may not undertake surveillance or maintain laboratory capacity
- ❖ Ad-hoc assessment of new risks

Non-signatories – all of the above plus the bill!

Under the Deed

- ❖ Government and industry make joint decisions on response
- ❖ Response costs shared after 2016 – in-kind contributions, accessing industry expertise
- ❖ Pre-agreed response strategy
- ❖ Joint readiness activities
- ❖ Leverage co-investment
- ❖ New and emerging biosecurity risks – targets for early detection
- ❖ Engagement in risk reduction strategies

To sign or not to sign...

- ❖ Is biosecurity important to your industry?
- ❖ Is it a business risk?
- ❖ What value do you get from your current investment?
- ❖ What opportunities does the Deed the offer, at what value? :
 - Joint decision-making
 - Early involvement in response
 - Engagement in the wider biosecurity system
 - New and emerging risks
 - Joint investment and leverage of co-contribution to readiness
 - More effective response and more transparent transition