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Preface

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The objective of this document is to specify the requirements for the acquisition, welfare, training, deployment and retirement of privately contracted security and detection dogs.

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Section 1 Scope and general

1.1 Scope

This document specifies the minimum requirements for the welfare of security dogs (patrol) and security dogs (detection) and their acquisition, training, deployment and retirement. In this document, security dogs (detection) include both biosecurity detection dogs (BDD) and explosive detection dogs (EDD).

This document does not apply to —

- (a) security dogs that are deployed without supervision; or
- (b) dogs deployed for conservation detection work.

1.2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

NOTE Documents for informative purposes are listed in the Bibliography.

1.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

1.3.1

auditory enrichment

<working dogs> complex sensory stimulation using sound to provide significant positive effect on behaviour, physiology and overall well-being

EXAMPLE Music.

Note 1 to entry: This has particular application for working dogs housed in kennel environments.

1.3.2

biosecurity detection

detection of identifiable odours through the deployment of a detection dog

Note 1 to entry: Biosecurity detection is used for managing relevant risks to human, animal and plant life and health and associated risks for the environment.

1.3.3

biosecurity detection dog

BDD

detection dog trained specifically to detect biosecurity odours

See also *security dog (detection)* ([1.3.13.1](#))

1.3.4

competent person

person who has acquired, through education, training, qualification or experience or a combination of these, the knowledge and skill enabling that person to perform the task required

Note 1 to entry: Each jurisdiction may have its own regulatory requirements regarding training and qualifications.