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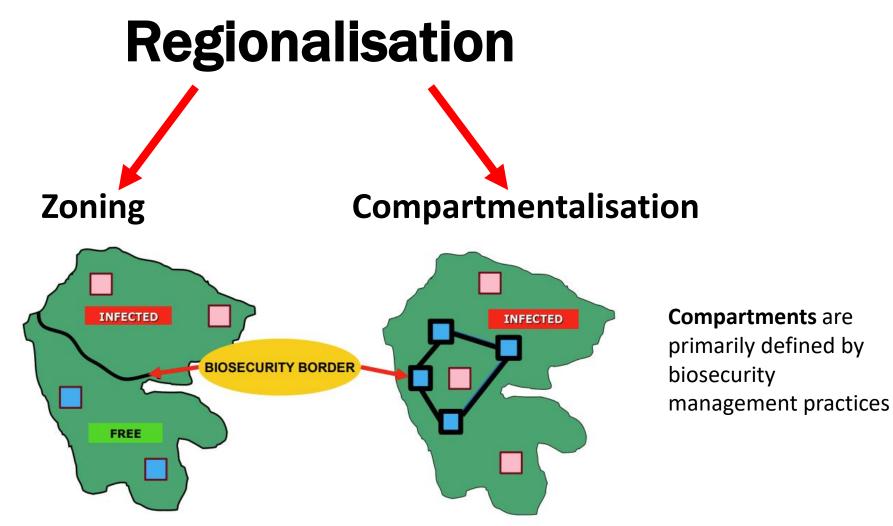
Requirements for effective regionalisation





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Source: WOAH, modified from USDA-APHIS

Concepts recognised and supported by the WTO and WOAH

Zones are primarily defined based on geography (e.g. natural or legal boundaries)



Role of Competent Authorities

- implement controls
- oversight
- negotiate agreements with trading partners (imports and exports)





Relationship between domestic disease response arrangements, export objectives and biosecurity settings.









Regionalisation for trade



Regionalisation is an important mechanism to support safe trade

However not always feasible



Zoning and compartmentalisation are relevant for Australian imports and exports



Bilateral arrangements with trading partners



Australia's experience with regionalisation for trade purposes

Regionalisation for imports

Australia's import conditions allow for the recognition of disease-free zones and compartments

Australia has facilitated imports from zones and compartments overseas





Australia's experience with regionalisation for trade purposes

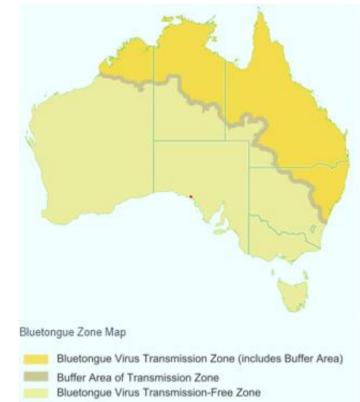
<u>Regionalisation for exports</u>



Australia has strong animal health systems, geographical advantages and dispersed livestock populations.



Australian zones have been accepted by trading partners e.g. Bluetongue, HPAI.



NAMP Bluetongue Virus Zone map, November 2023 Source: <u>https://namp.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/p</u> <u>ublic.php</u>







Australian perspective - Effective regionalisation

- → Disease situation well understood (i.e. sufficient surveillance)
- →Clear approach and/or zone and compartment boundaries to delineate infected from non-infected
- \rightarrow Legal authority and effective controls
- \rightarrow Zones/compartments accepted for domestic trade
- → Competent Authority able to accurately certify the origin of product

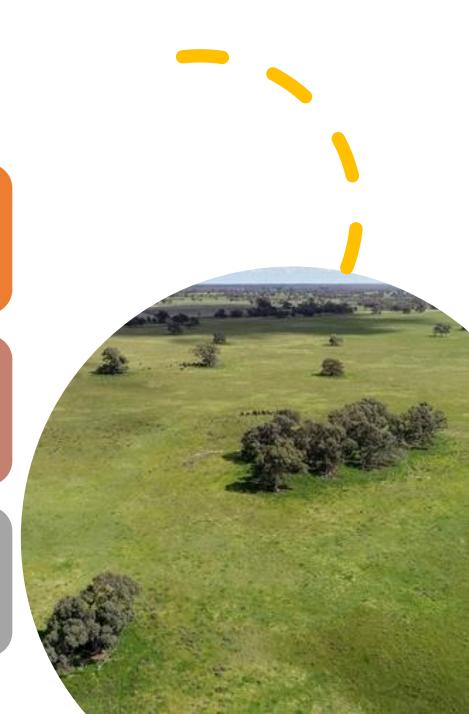




Regionalisation (zoning and compartmentalisation) is an important mechanism to support safe trade, but is not always a viable option

Australia has used regionalisation to support imports and exports

There are many requirements to effectively implement regionalisation, these can be difficult to meet





Questions?



Thank you for your attention



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