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Stock (Seller Liability and Declarations) Act 1993

NOTICE SPECIFYING FORM OF DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 18A

I, Dale Seymour, Acting Secretary to the Department of Primary Industries, under section 18A of the **Stock (Seller Liability and Declarations) Act 1993** (the Act)—

1. specify that a declaration made by, or on behalf of, a seller of stock that relates to the Johne's disease status of beef cattle that is in, or in to the like effect of, the form appearing in the Schedule below is a declaration to which section 18A of the Act applies; and
2. require that a selling agent who receives a declaration made under section 18A retain the declaration for a minimum of two years from the date of the sale to which the declaration relates.

This notice takes effect from 4 March 2004.

Dated 28 February 2004

DALE SEYMOUR

Acting Secretary to the Department of Primary Industries

SCHEDULE

SPECIAL

Explanatory Notes**Part A2. Introduced or purchased cattle:**

If the animals for sale have been purchased or introduced into your herd, to be eligible for any of the beef trading statuses listed on this form you MUST have a BJD Animal Health Statement like this one, signed by the vendor, before you can declare their status.

Part B. Beef Only:

Point 1. Non-Assessed (NA), Check tested (CT), Tested to MAP standard (TMS), Beef Cattle Trade Assurance Scheme (BC—TAS) and CattleMAP herds are eligible for Beef Only status.

You may tick “applicable” in Part B and one other Part (C or D) if your herd meets the requirements of those parts.

Point 2. Contact with dairy cattle — an eligible herd must not have had any contact in the last 5 years, with:

- any cattle of a dairy breed;
- any cattle that are first generation dairy cross breeds; or
- any other cattle that have been born, reared, or been run on a property that was part of a milk producing dairy enterprise at the time those cattle were present.

Point 3. Grazing history — an eligible herd must not, at any time in the past, have grazed on land that had, in the 12 months before the arrival of the beef herd, been grazed by adult dairy cattle. The only exception is if the adult dairy cattle were part of a CattleMAP herd.

A Beef Only herd may graze areas that have been previously grazed by dairy cattle under 2 years of age. It is preferable that an individual risk assessment is made of grazing areas before they are used by a Beef Only herd — contact your animal health advisor.

Point 4. Introduced or purchased cattle — If the animals for sale have been purchased or introduced into your herd, to be eligible for Beef Only status you MUST have a BJD Animal Health Statement like this one indicating their Beef Only status, signed by the vendor.

Point 5. NLIS identification – cattle for sale as Beef Only store cattle must be identified with an NLIS device.

Part D. BC-TAS herds:

To be able to tick this box your cattle herd must be registered under the Beef cattle — trade assurance scheme and must still comply with the requirements of that scheme.

You must be able to provide a copy of a current BC—TAS certificate to the purchaser of your cattle or to any authorised officer (for example an Inspector of Livestock), on request.

Part D. Check Tested herd:

To be able to tick this box, within the last 12 months, at least 50 cattle in your herd (specifically those from the older age groups bred in the herd or those introduced in the past 4 years) must have been tested by a veterinarian approved by the State for Johne’s disease programs, and all of the cattle tested must have given negative results for Johne’s disease.

You must be able to provide a copy of the testing result and/or a certificate from your vet, to the purchaser of your cattle or to any authorised officer (for example an Inspector of Livestock), on request.

Part D. Tested to MAP Standard herd:

To be able to tick this box, within the last 12 months, a herd test equivalent to a Sample Test under CattleMAP must have been conducted by a veterinarian approved by the State for Johne’s disease programs, and all the cattle tested must have given negative results for Johne’s disease.

You must be able to provide a copy of the testing result and/or a certificate from your vet or local DPI District Veterinary Officer, to the purchaser of your cattle or to any authorised officer (for example an Inspector of Livestock), on request.

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