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## **Stock (Seller Liability and Declarations) Act 1993**

### NOTICE SPECIFYING FORM OF DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 18A

I, Peter Harris, 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 20 August 2005.

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## SCHEDULE

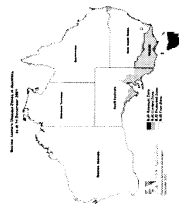
## National Animal Health Statement for Johnne's Disease Status of Beef Cattle - VERSION 1 - August 2004

For this form to be valid Parts A and E must be completed. You may complete one or more of Parts B, C or D

<b>PART A:</b> I _____ Trading as _____ Address _____ Phone _____ am the person with day to day responsibility for the husbandry of, the cattle described below. <b>The cattle have been kept at</b> _____ (Name and location of property) <b>This property is in a BJD: Restricted Zone</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Control Zone</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Protected Zone</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Property Identification Code (PIC) or tail tag _____ National Vendor Declaration Number (this is on the top left of the NVD form) _____		time during the previous five (5) years, unless those dairy cattle were from a herd enrolled in the Australian Johnne's Disease Market Assurance Program for Cattle (Cattle MAP) and, 3. Are part of a herd that has not, at <b>any time in the past</b> , grazed on land that had been grazed by adult dairy cattle (2 years old or older) during the 12 months before the arrival of the beef herd, unless those dairy cattle were part of a CattleMAP herd. 4. If introduced into the herd or onto the property(s), have come from herds which are of the same (Beef Only) or higher status (BC-TAS, MN1, MN2, MN3) for Bovine Johnne's Disease (BJD) and came with an Animal Health Statement or BJD vendor declaration, and 5. Are identified under the National Livestock Identification Scheme (NLIS).	
<b>Part C: CattleMAP herd</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Applicable</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>If applicable answer following question.</b> The cattle herd has the following status in the CattleMAP: MN1 <input type="checkbox"/> MN2 <input type="checkbox"/> MN3 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (insert year status obtained) Certificate No. _____ Expiry date: _____		<b>Part D: BC-TAS, Check-tested, or Tested to MAP standard herd</b> <b>Applicable</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>If applicable answer following questions.</b> I have the required documentary evidence to support the status of <input type="checkbox"/> BC-TAS <input type="checkbox"/> Check tested <input type="checkbox"/> Tested to MAP Standard (see the explanatory notes for the documentation that may be required by a purchaser or by an authorised officer at the time of an audit)	
<b>Part B: Beef Only herd</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Applicable</b> <input type="checkbox"/> To be applicable ALL five conditions listed in this section must be met. <b>The cattle owned or managed by me and presented for sale.</b> 1. Do not include animals that have been part of a herd which is classified as Infected (IN), Suspect (SU) or Restricted (RD) according to the National Johnne's Disease Standard Definitions and Rules (SDR) for Cattle (4 <sup>th</sup> Edition December 2002) and, 2. Are from a beef herd which has not grazed with dairy cattle or dairy-cross cattle at any		<b>Part E: Declaration:</b> As the person responsible of the husbandry of the cattle in this consignment, I declare that all the information stated in this Animal Health Statement is true and correct and that I have read and understood the Explanatory notes. I agree to allow my herd, property and relevant records to be inspected for the purpose of assessing my compliance with the statements in this declaration. Signed: _____ Date: _____ <i>Note: Making a false or misleading statement about the status of the cattle for sale may make the signatory liable to prosecution and/or civil action under the Trade Practices Act 1974 and relevant State legislation. (Note: Stock agents cannot make this declaration on behalf of clients)</i>	

### Explanatory Notes

**Part A. BJD Zones:** This map shows where the BJD zones are in Australia. WA is a Free Zone. Light grey areas are Protected Zones, mid-grey are Control Zones and dark-grey are Residual Zones.



#### 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, or a BJD Vendor Declaration, 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.** Grazing contact with dairy cattle – in the last 5 years an eligible herd must not have grazed 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.
- Unless those cattle were part of a CattleMAP herd

**Point 3.** Grazing history of the land – 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, or a BJD Vendor Declaration indicating their Beef Only status that has been 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.

#### Part E. Declaration:

Audits will be conducted by authorised officers (for example, an Inspector of Livestock), both in the sale yards and on the property of origin of the cattle. You will be notified in advance if your property is selected for an on-farm audit. The officer involved will identify themselves and will indicate the information required to complete the audit.

Dated 19 August 2005

PETER HARRIS  
Secretary to the Department of Primary Industries

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