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Stock (Seller Liability and Declarations) Act 1993

NOTICE SPECIFYING FORMS OF DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 18A

I, Richard Bolt, 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 Dairy BJD Assurance Score Declaration made by, or on behalf of, a seller of stock that relates to the Johne's disease status of cattle that is in, or is 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. specify that a National Sheep Health Statement made by, or on behalf of, a seller of stock that relates to the Johne's disease status of sheep that is in, or to the like effect of, the form appearing in the Schedule below is a declaration to which section 18A of the Act applies; and
3. 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 1 April 2008.

Dated 31 March 2008

RICHARD BOLT
Secretary to the Department of Primary Industries

SPECIAL

Schedule

Dairy BJD Assurance Score Declaration Form

Version 2: June 2007

PROPERTY DETAILS

Trading name:	
Address of property:	
Property Identification Code:	
Animal Identification:	

PART A – HERD BASE SCORE DETERMINATION

Applies to the lowest Score animal in the herd. Select ONE Score only

Australian Johne's Disease Market Assurance Program for Cattle (CattleMAP)	Score															
The herd is in the CattleMAP. The herd has a biosecurity program in place which is audited annually and has undertaken one or more whole herd tests with negative results (select one score only and provide CattleMAP status expiry date and certificate number)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>MN3</td> <td>Expiry date:</td> <td>Cert.No.</td> <td>10</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MN2</td> <td>Expiry date:</td> <td>Cert.No.</td> <td>9</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MN1</td> <td>Expiry date:</td> <td>Cert.No.</td> <td>8</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	MN3	Expiry date:	Cert.No.	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	MN2	Expiry date:	Cert.No.	9	<input type="checkbox"/>	MN1	Expiry date:	Cert.No.	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
MN3	Expiry date:	Cert.No.	10	<input type="checkbox"/>												
MN2	Expiry date:	Cert.No.	9	<input type="checkbox"/>												
MN1	Expiry date:	Cert.No.	8	<input type="checkbox"/>												

Herd tested negative	Score
The herd is not known or suspected to be infected and has tested negative by being either: (Tick test type) <input type="checkbox"/> Tested 4 Year Old or <input type="checkbox"/> Tested to MAP Standard in the last 24 months or <input type="checkbox"/> Check Tested in the last 12 months	7 <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of approved vet:	Date of Test:

Approved BJD Control Program	Score	
BJD has been diagnosed in the herd in the past but an approved BJD control program has been implemented and the herd's current official status is: (select one score only)	Restricted 2	6 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Restricted 1	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Low Prevalence	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Moderate Prevalence	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
	High Prevalence or untested but on an approved control program	2 <input type="checkbox"/>

Infected or Suspect herds	Score
Herd is known or suspected to be infected and has not been tested or had an approved BJD control program implemented	1 <input type="checkbox"/>

Non-Assessed herds	Score	
The herd has not recently been tested but is not known to be Infected or Suspect and is located in: (select one score only)	NSW, Victoria, SA or Residual Zones before 1 July 2008 and after 1 July 2008 where 3-Step Calf Plan implemented and audited prior to July 1 2008	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
	NSW and Control or Residual Zones After 1 July 2008	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
	JDCAP or 3-Step Calf Plan has been implemented and audited for four years or more. Years audited: <input type="text"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Protected Zones apart from NSW	7 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Free Zone	10 <input type="checkbox"/>

Part A: Herd base Score

PART B – CALF CREDIT POINTS (if applicable – see notes overleaf)

Approved calf rearing programs	Score
These calves have been reared in a herd where JDCAP has been implemented and audited. Certificate No. <input type="text"/> Years of participation: <input type="text"/>	+3 <input type="checkbox"/>
These calves have been reared in a herd where the 3-Step Calf Plan has been implemented and audited	+1 <input type="checkbox"/>

Part B: Calf credits

PART C – TOTAL SCORE FOR INDIVIDUAL CATTLE

Total of Part A + Part B

DECLARATION

I _____ of _____	Date: _____
am the person with day to day responsibility for managing the dairy cattle herd described above and I declare that the information on this form is correct and I attest that I have documentary evidence to substantiate this declaration.	Signature: _____

Please Note: Making a false or misleading declaration may make the signatory liable to prosecution and/or civil action under the Trade Practices Act 1974 and relevant State legislation. Beef herds purchasing cattle with Dairy BJD Assurance Score of 6 or below will not be eligible for the Financial and Non-Financial Assistance Package for BJD affected beef herds.

Dairy BJD Assurance Score Declaration Form

Explanatory notes

PART A - HERD SCORE

Johne's disease Market Assurance Program (MAP)

MN1 to MN3 are Monitored Negative statuses in the Australian Johne's Disease Market Assurance Program for Cattle (CattleMAP). The herd's approved veterinarian issues a herd status certificate that is valid for 12 months.

Herd tested negative

Check tested, *Tested 4 Year Old* and *Tested to MAP Standard* are statuses allocated to herds that have had a negative test by an approved veterinarian. A *Check Test* is a test of 50 adult cattle (2 years of age and older) in the herd that are most likely to be infected in the previous 12 months. *Tested 4 Year Old* and *Tested to MAP Standard* are tests of all or a large sample of the cattle over 4 years old and 2 years old respectively in the previous 24 months, and these statuses can be maintained by a *Check Test* every 24 months.

Approved BJD control programs

An approved BJD control program is approved by the State or Territory animal health authority for an infected herd. The authority allocates the herd status to reflect the stage of the herd's progress.

To attain and retain a status of *High Prevalence*, *Moderate Prevalence* or *Low Prevalence*, a herd would also have to implement a disease control program comprising at least:

- individual animal identification
- 3-step calf rearing plan
- immediate culling of clinical cases
- herd retest at a maximum interval of 4 years to maintain or progress status
- culling priority for reactors and other high risk animals at the end of lactation
- introductions of same or higher assurance score

High Prevalence herds have more than 4% of cattle (4 years and older) test positive by ELISA or have not been tested and *Moderate Prevalence* herds have equal to or less than 4% test positive by ELISA. A *Low Prevalence* herd has 2% or less ELISA positives among cattle that are 4 years and older (or 1.5% or less in cattle 2 years and older).

Restricted 1 and *Restricted 2* are statuses for infected herds that have had one and two consecutive negative herd tests respectively in an official control program, as per the Standard Definitions and Rules for BJD.

Approved calf rearing programs

Young animals are most susceptible to becoming infected with BJD. The risk of calves becoming infected can be lowered by reducing their exposure to infected cattle and contaminated environments on the farm.

The *JD Calf Accreditation Program (JDCAP)* is a voluntary comprehensive audited program that has been implemented on some dairy farms in Victoria and is a compulsory part of participation in the Victorian Test and Control Program from 2003 onwards.

The *Three Step Calf Plan* is a voluntary calf rearing program that can be included in dairy factory audited on-farm QA programs.

The following three steps are management practices that minimise the risk of spread of BJD infection in cattle under 12 months:

- Calves should be taken off the cow within 12 hours of birth.
- Management of the calf rearing area should ensure that no effluent from animals of susceptible species comes into contact with the calf.
- Calves up to 12 months should not be reared on pastures that have had adult stock or stock that are known to carry BJD on them during the last 12 months.

Infected and suspect herd

The herd is classified by the animal health authority as infected or suspect and has not been tested to achieve a status under sections above.

Non-assessed herds

Herds that are not known or suspected to be infected, and have not qualified for one of the above statuses by testing, are classified as Non-Assessed. The risk that they are infected is determined by their location. If you are unsure of your Zone, please contact your local state government animal health office.

Before 1 July 2008, dairy herds located in NSW and Control or Residual Zones are eligible for a default Herd Base Score of 3. After 1 July 2008, dairy herds in NSW and Control or Residual Zones that have not been tested or implemented an auditable hygienic calf rearing program will revert to a Herd Base Score of 0.

PART B - CALF CREDITS

Approved calf rearing programs

Only calves that have been reared under *JDCAP* or the *Three Step Calf Plan* are eligible for calf credits. Individual calves that are classified in an approved BJD control program as having a high risk of being infected are not eligible for calf credits.

PART C - TOTAL SCORE FOR INDIVIDUAL CATTLE

Scores for individual animals are calculated by adding the Herd Base Score from Part A and any eligible calf credits from Part B. Calves reared under *JDCAP* can attain a maximum of Score 7 which is maintained for life eg. base Score 4 + 3 *JDCAP* credit points. The animals must have been reared under the *JDCAP* program for 12 months—although this may not necessarily have been continuous on the same property.

NATIONAL SHEEP HEALTH STATEMENT

Attached to accompanying NVD/Waybill No.

(Version 1 – March 2008)

SECTION 1 – CONSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Owner of sheep.....
 Property/place where the journey commenced (full address).....
 State.....
 Property Identification Code (PIC) of this property:

Number	Year born (month, if known)	Description (ie. Breed, sex and type)	Identification (eg. PIC/brand on ear tag if different to above)

Please attach a list if more information is required.

SECTION 3 – FOOTROT

7. Have the sheep in this consignment been observed for, and any suspect sheep examined for, signs of **FOOTROT** during the past 14 days? Yes No

8. To the best of your knowledge, are the sheep in this consignment free of **VIRULENT FOOTROT**? Yes No

9. To the best of your knowledge, are all sheep and goats on the consignor's property free from **VIRULENT FOOTROT**? Yes No

SECTION 4 - OTHER HEALTH INFORMATION

10. Is the flock **OVINE BRUCELLOSIS ACCREDITED FREE**? Yes No

Flock Accreditation No:.....
 Expiry Date:...../...../.....

11. Has there been any evidence of sheep **LICE** at, or since, the last shearing? Yes No

Date of last shearing (if known):...../...../.....

SECTION 2 – OVINE JOHNE'S DISEASE (OJD)

1. This consignment has an ABC score of: (refer and complete *overleaf*)

Category A + Category B + Category C + Category D = **TOTAL ABC SCORE**
(Area/ flock credits) (Test credits) (Vaccine credits) (Cert. low risk credits)

2. Were all these sheep born on the above property? Yes No

If no, date introduced...../...../..... ABC score at time of introduction:
(if known)

3. Have sheep of a lower ABC score than the consigned sheep been introduced into the flock in the last 2 years? Yes No

If yes, what is the lowest ABC score of introductions?

4. How many different sources of sheep have been introduced to the consignor's property in last 2 years? None 1-5 6+ Rams only

5. Are any of the sheep in this consignment terminal T tag lambs? Yes No

6. Are these sheep from a SheepMAP flock? Yes No

Status..... Expiry date...../...../.....

SECTION 4 - OTHER HEALTH INFORMATION

12. **Treatments**

External Parasite Treatment	Product	Date of last treatment
		/ /
Drench		/ /
Vaccination other than OJD		/ /
Other		/ /

SECTION 5 - DECLARATION

As the owner and /or person responsible for the husbandry of the sheep in this consignment, I declare that the information in this statement is true and correct.

Signed: Date:/...../.....

Name (print):

Contact phone:

Persons making false statements may be liable under fair trading and other relevant state legislation.

HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR ABC SCORE

OJD ASSURANCE BASED CREDIT (ABC) POINTS

Select **only one line from each category** that is applicable to your sheep, then **add for total score**

CATEGORY A: Flock of origin – Location / Description The Flock is located in:	Possible Credits	Credits for this consignment
A Low Prevalence Area and is not suspected or known to be infected	4	<input type="text"/>
A Medium Prevalence Area and is not suspected or known to be infected	2	<input type="text"/>
A High Prevalence Area and is not suspected or known to be infected	0	<input type="text"/>
Any Area and is suspected or known to be infected	0	<input type="text"/>

CATEGORY B: OJD Testing

The Flock is:

In the SheepMAP and has had 3 negative sample tests	SheepMAP Status	Possible Credits
In the SheepMAP and has had 2 negative sample tests	MIN; Expiry date: / /	3
In the SheepMAP and has had 1 negative sample tests	/ /	2
Not in the SheepMAP but has had a negative PFC 350 test in the last 12 months		2
Not in the SheepMAP but is eligible for Abattoir 700 status		2
Not in the SheepMAP but is eligible for Abattoir 200 status		1
A test low level infected flock		1
None of the above		0

CATEGORY C: OJD Vaccination

The flock is a second generation approved vaccinate flock	4
The consignment sheep are approved vaccinates and were born when the whole flock were approved vaccinates	3
The whole flock are approved vaccinates	2
The consignment sheep are approved vaccinates	1
None of the above	0

CATEGORY D: Consignment Sheep – Risk Assessment

The consignment sheep are:

Sourced from a flock infected or suspected to be infected but are certified low-risk by a SheepMAP approved veterinarian	1
None of the above	0

TOTAL ABC SCORE FOR THIS CONSIGNMENT OF SHEEP

$$(CATEGORY A + B + C + D) =$$

Maximum ABC score is 10

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Flock of origin – flock from which sheep are being consigned.

Prevalence area – three prevalence areas are defined: Low, Medium and High. These have been agreed nationally and are reviewed annually. Details are available from Animal Health Australia or www.ojd.com.au

Infected flocks – flocks are no longer regarded as infected when either: (1) the whole flock consists of approved vaccinates and has undertaken a PFC 350 test, with negative results, at a minimum of 2 years after the last detected infected animal has been removed; OR (2) the whole flock is a second generation approved vaccinate flock which has undertaken a PFC 350 test, with negative results; OR (3) a destocking/decantation program approved by the CVO of the jurisdiction, has been completed.

Flock suspected to be infected – if the owner has reasonable grounds to believe the flock has been exposed to OJD infection based on: (1) trace back or trace forward contact with an infected flock; (2) contact with OJD contaminated land or facilities; (3) a positive Johnie's disease screening test; (4) the flock neighbours an infected flock; (5) the flock has introduced sheep with an ABC score of 0; (6) clinical signs of OJD; OR (7) advice from the relevant state agricultural department AND the flock has not resolved suspicion.

SheepMAP flocks – the number of Sample Tests applies to the actual number of negative Sample Tests that contributed to attaining the current flock status.

Sample Test – test of a sample of a flock, in accordance with the Sheep Market Assurance Program (SheepMap) guidelines, which is undertaken within the flock's current SheepMAP program.

SheepMAP approved veterinarian – you can search for SheepMAP vets in your area at www.ojd.com.au

PFC 350 test – test of 350 representative sheep over 2 years of age (or all sheep over 2 years of age in small flocks) by Pooled Faecal Culture in pools of up to 50 sheep.

Eligible for Abattoir 700 status – 700 representative sheep over 2 years of age have been submitted to an abattoir in the past 24 months with at least 500 sheep, in 1 or more lots, being examined and found negative for OJD.

Eligible for Abattoir 200 status – 200 representative sheep over 2 years of age have been submitted to an abattoir in the past 12 months with at least 150 sheep, in 1 or more lots, being examined and found negative for OJD.

Tested low level infected flock – an infected flock which has a history supporting a low level of infection; an approved Property Disease Management Plan (PDMP) in place, and a flock profile demonstrating a detection rate of not more than 1 in 7 pools by Pooled Faecal Culture (PFC) within the previous 2 years. Sheep mobs that contributed to the positive pool are not eligible for this point.

Approved vaccinates – sheep vaccinated by 16 weeks of age or sheep vaccinated after 16 weeks of age where, in the written opinion of a SheepMAP approved veterinarian, vaccination occurred when there was a low risk of previous exposure to OJD (and identified by an NLS  tag).

Second generation approved vaccinate flock – a flock comprising entirely approved vaccinates which were born when the whole flock were approved vaccinates.

Certified low risk sheep – sheep which are sourced from a flock that is infected or suspected to be infected and which are certified in writing as low risk by a SheepMAP approved veterinarian on the basis of: (1) a risk assessment, and (2) an approved Property Disease Management Plan (PDMP) that includes profiling and strategic culling, being implemented in the flock. Other strategies such as vaccination of sheep which are unlikely to have been heavily exposed, may also be appropriate.

Terminal "T" tag lambs – crossbred lambs to be slaughtered before they cut their first permanent teeth and identified by an NLS  tag.

Although vendors of non-slaughter sheep are encouraged to complete all sections of the Sheep Health Statement, legislative requirements vary between the states. For further information, please contact your local agricultural department or visit: www.ojd.com.au

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