

NSW Agriculture

PROCLAMATION 540 – CATTLE TICK

Proclamation to regulate the importation of stock and fodder from Queensland, the Northern Territory and Western Australia on account of cattle tick

Her Excellency Professor MARIE BASHIR, AC,
Governor

I, Professor MARIE BASHIR, AC, Governor of the State of New South Wales with the advice of the Executive Council, in pursuance of sections 3 (2) (a) and 11B of the Stock Diseases Act 1923:

A. revoke Proclamations No. 520 published in the *Government Gazette* No 97 of 7 August 1992, No. 527 published in the *Government Gazette* No. 137 of 20 November 1992; and

B. restrict the importation, introduction or bringing into New South Wales of stock and fodder in the manner herein described on account of cattle tick.

1. **Restriction on the introduction of stock or fodder into New South Wales from Queensland, the Northern Territory and from Western Australia**

A person must not import any stock or fodder or cause or permit the importation of any stock or fodder into New South Wales from Queensland, the Northern Territory or Western Australia:

- (a) that is infected or contaminated with cattle tick; or
- (b) unless in compliance with the provisions of this Proclamation.

2. **Requirement for entry of stock from a tick free zone of Queensland, the Northern Territory and Western Australia**

Stock from a tick free zone may only be imported into New South Wales if:

- (a) the stock have been on a tick free property (or properties) in a tick free zone for 35 consecutive days immediately before their importation into New South Wales;
- (b) the stock are from Queensland and have received an approved treatment at the Queensland Tick Line;
- (c) the stock are from the Northern Territory or Western Australia and have received an approved treatment to move out of an affected or restricted zone;
- (d) the stock originate from a quarantined or otherwise restricted property in a tick free zone and the stock have moved off that property for unrestricted movement in compliance with the legislation of that State or Territory; or
- (e) a permit is issued by an inspector permitting the importation;

and the stock are accompanied by fully completed documentation.

The required form of documentation is as approved by the Chief Division of Animal Industries.

The documentation must accompany the stock at all times until it reaches its destination.

The Chief Veterinary Officer may exempt in writing classes of stock from compliance with the requirement to accompany the stock by such documentation.

3. **Requirement for entry of Stock from other than a tick free zone within Queensland, the Northern Territory or Western Australia**

Stock from Queensland, the Northern Territory or Western Australia that are not from a tick free zone may be imported into New South Wales only in compliance with the conditions of a permit issued by an inspector.

The inspector may, before the issue of a permit, amongst other things, require the stock to be

- treated in an approved manner,
- inspected in an approved manner; and
- presented to an inspector at a specified place.

Stock from Queensland only

Where the stock are from Queensland only, the permit may require the stock and the permit to be presented to an inspector at a crossing place on the New South Wales Tick Line.

Stock from the Northern Territory or Western Australia only

Where the stock are from the Northern Territory or Western Australia only, the permit may require the stock to be presented to an inspector at a location specified in the permit.

The Chief Veterinary Officer may in writing exempt a class of stock from compliance with the conditions of this clause.

4. **Fodder from Queensland, the Northern Territory or Western Australia**

(a) Fodder from a tick free property in a tick free zone may be imported into New South Wales if it is accompanied by fully completed documentation.

(b) Fodder from Queensland, the Northern Territory or Western Australia that is not from a tick free property in a tick free zone may be imported into New South Wales only if:

- it has been treated or stored in an approved manner; and
- it is accompanied by fully completed documentation; or
- a permit is issued by an inspector permitting the importation.

The required form of documentation is as approved by the Chief Division of Animal Industries.

The documentation must accompany the fodder at all times until it reaches its destination.

A person who imports fodder into New South Wales must present fully completed documentation to an inspector on demand or within 7 days of its introduction into New South Wales or such longer period of time as the Chief Veterinary Officer may approve.

The Chief Veterinary Officer may in writing exempt a class of fodder from compliance with the conditions of this clause.

Definitions

In this Proclamation:

approved means, except where otherwise stated, approved in writing by the Chief Veterinary Officer.

cattle tick or **tick** means cattle tick (*Boophilus microplus*).

Chief Veterinary Officer means the person holding the position of Chief Veterinary Officer under the Exotic Diseases of Animals Act 1991.

crossing place means Boyds Bay, Kirra, Cobaki, Mount Lindesay, and any other place approved by the Chief Veterinary Officer at the New South Wales Tick Line.

fodder includes hay and silage, but does not include grain or seed.

fully completed means, in relation to documentation, that all information sought by the document is provided in writing on the document and is accurate.

import includes introduce or bring into New South Wales from Queensland, the Northern Territory or Western Australia.

New South Wales Tick Line means the line between where the Queensland Cattle Tick Infested Zone meets the New South Wales border.

Queensland Tick Line means the line between the tick free zone of Queensland and the remainder of Queensland.

stock means cattle, buffalo, deer, sheep, goats, horses, donkeys, asses, camels, llamas, alpacas vicunas and guanacos.

tick free property means a property that is not quarantined or from which the movement of stock is restricted under Queensland, Northern Territory or Western Australian legislation on account of cattle tick.

tick free zone means an area defined under Queensland, Northern Territory or Western Australian legislation as a Cattle Tick Free Zone or a Cattle Tick Free Area.

Notes: Treatments, permit conditions, inspection requirements, approved forms, and treatments for cattle tick approved by the Chief, Division of Animal Industries or the Chief Veterinary Officer are shown on the New South Wales Department of Agriculture internet web site <http://www/agric.nsw.gov.au/>

This Proclamation commences on 3 October 2003.

Signed and sealed at Sydney this 24th day of September 2003.

By Her Excellency's Command

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NSW Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries

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