

STOCK DISEASES ACT 1923

Section 14(4)

Order for course of action – NSW OJD Exclusion Area

I, Therese Margaret Wright, an inspector under the *Stock Diseases Act 1923*, pursuant to Section 14(4) of the *Stock Diseases Act 1923*, order all owners or occupiers of land within the NSW OJD Exclusion Area, and all owners or persons in charge of stock within the protected area known as the NSW OJD Exclusion Area, to take the course of action set out in the Schedule below.

In this order, OJD Exclusion Area means the protected area known as the NSW OJD Exclusion Area, declared by the Minister for Primary Industries by Notification published in the Government Gazette from time to time and available on the internet at

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/health/specific/sheep/ojd>.

Signed this 19th day of May 2010.

INSPECTOR
STOCK DISEASES ACT 1923

SCHEDULE Course of Action

Sale or purchase of sheep

1. A person must only send or deliver sheep, other than exempt sheep, for sale if a Completed Health Statement for Sheep in relation to the sheep is provided to the consignee on delivery. The consignee must make any such statement available to an inspector on request, to inspect.
2. A person must not sell sheep, other than exempt sheep, unless a Completed Health Statement for Sheep in relation to the sheep is made available for prospective buyers, and an inspector on request, to inspect.
3. A person who has sold sheep, other than exempt sheep must, if requested to do so by the purchaser of the sheep within seven days of the sale, provide the purchaser with a copy of the Completed Health Statement for Sheep in relation to the sheep.

Agistment of sheep

A person must not agist sheep, unless a Completed Health Statement for Sheep in relation to the sheep has first been given to the owner or occupier of the land on which the sheep are to be agisted.

Purchasers and agistees

A purchaser or agistee of sheep in receipt of a statement that, is or purports to be, a Completed Health Statement for Sheep, or a copy thereof, must retain it for at least two years after the day on which they receive it and must produce it if requested to do so by an inspector.

Notification of entry of sheep to an Exclusion Area in a Livestock Health & Pest District

An owner or occupier of land other than a saleyard, a showground, or an abattoir, that is in an Exclusion Area of a Livestock Health and Pest District, and who moves, or allows to be moved, sheep from outside the Exclusion Area to that land, must provide:

- a. written advice of his/her name and the Property Identification Code and address of the land, and
- b. a copy of a Completed Health Statement for Sheep in relation to the sheep, to the district Livestock Health and Pest Authority within seven days of the movement.

Property Disease Management Programs

When an owner or person in charge of sheep in the Exclusion Area is notified by a District Veterinarian or an Industry and Investment NSW Veterinary Officer that they know or suspect the sheep to be infected with ovine Johne's disease, they must implement a Property Disease Management Program.

Definitions

Completed Health Statement for Sheep:

A document approved from time to time by the Director, Animal Biosecurity, and duly completed by the owner and/or person responsible for the husbandry of the sheep.

Exempt sheep means:

- a. sheep being moved to slaughter either directly or via a slaughter-only sale;
- b. lambs accompanied by a National Vendor Declaration (Sheep and Lambs) and Waybill on which Question 7 has been filled in with the words 'PRIME LAMBS FOR SLAUGHTER ONLY'; and
- c. sheep being sent or delivered to a "Health Statement for Sheep exempt sale" approved by a Regional Veterinary Officer no later than 48 hours before the sale.

Person means an owner or occupier of land or the owner or person in charge of sheep within the OJD Exclusion Area.

Property Disease Management Program means a program to minimise the risk of spread of ovine Johne's disease that is:

- a. developed in consultation with the District Veterinarian or an Industry and Investment NSW Veterinary Officer and, if requested, the owner's private veterinarian,
- b. consistent with the aims of the OJD operational plan for the EA, and
- c. managed by a veterinarian who is approved under the Sheep Market Assurance Program or by a District Veterinarian or an Industry and Investment NSW Veterinary Officer.

Sale includes sell, offer for sale, assist in selling and attempt to sell