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## 1. OVERVIEW

This policy document provides guidance for the release from quarantine for footrot. It replaces Section 4.16.3 of the NSW Footrot Eradication Manual.

## 2. BACKGROUND

The NSW Footrot Strategic Plan was launched in 1988 with the objective of improving the productivity and welfare of sheep and goats by the progressive eradication of virulent footrot. Since that time there has been significant progress with footrot eradication throughout the state such that approximately 93% of NSW is now gazetted as a Protected Area for footrot. The Plan now places greater emphasis on regulatory activity with all footrot infections subject to quarantine and required to undertake eradication of the disease. This policy provides updated guidelines on the process for release from quarantine for footrot.

## 3. SCOPE

This policy applies to all Senior Regional Animal Health Managers, District Veterinarians and Inspectors.

## 4. POLICY

This policy document provides guidance for the release from quarantine for footrot.

Continued progress with the Footrot Strategic Plan throughout New South Wales has seen the prevalence of footrot infected flocks decrease significantly. The whole of the State is now gazetted as either Control or Protected Area status and the number of flocks in quarantine for footrot is now below 150. All footrot infected flocks are now subject to quarantine and required to eradicate the disease before the quarantine can be released.

The process for the release from quarantine including post release inspection and the need for notification of the presence of footrot is detailed in the procedure document 'BC&MS Procedure 06/004 – Procedures for release from quarantine for footrot'.

Note: in cases where quarantine is imposed based on suspicion of footrot pending further investigation (e.g. high risk traces, saleyard tracebacks) the Footrot Diagnostic Policy (see Circular AI 2002 103-104) should be followed. Where footrot is not confirmed the quarantine can be released following a complete diagnostic investigation.

## 5. PROCEDURES

This policy document should be read in conjunction with the Release from Footrot Quarantine Procedure Document (BC&MS Procedure 06/004). Inspectors should also refer to the Stock Diseases Act Detention and Quarantine Procedures Circular (AI2002/58), the Footrot Eradication Procedures (AI Circular 2003/22-23) and the Footrot Notification Procedures (AI Circular 2003/24-25).

## 6. DEFINITIONS

- Note: under this policy footrot refers to virulent footrot as per the *Stock Disease Act 1923*

## 7. RELATED LEGISLATION

- *Stock Diseases Act 1923*
- *Stock Disease Regulation 2004*

## 8. RELATED POLICIES

- AI 2003/24 Footrot Notification Policy
- AI 2003/22 Footrot Eradication Policy
- AI 2002/103 Footrot Diagnostic Policy
- BC&MS Policy O-002 Tracing for Footrot

## 9. RELATED DELEGATIONS

Nil.

## 10. RELATED DOCUMENTS

Nil.

## 11. REVISION HISTORY

None

## 12. DATE OF NEXT REVIEW

By 1 June 2008 or earlier if required

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