

GROUP BIOSECURITY PERMIT

NSW Biosecurity Act 2015

I, Paul Freeman

in accordance with section 333 and 336 of the *Biosecurity Act 2015* (the Act), hereby grant a group biosecurity permit (group permit) to the following class of persons:

People importing cattle tick carriers into New South Wales directly from the Royal Queensland Show held at Gregory Terrace Bowen Hills Qld 4006 from 1-19th August 2019.

This group permit authorises the following conduct that, but for the group permit, would or might contravene a requirement imposed by or under the Act (subject to stated conditions of this group permit):

To import a cattle tick carrier from the Brisbane Showgrounds into NSW subject to the conditions of this permit. This movement would be in contravention of section 25 of the Act and clause 14 of the Biosecurity Regulation 2017, if not for this permit.

This group permit is subject to the following conditions:

1. Whilst the vehicle on which any cattle tick carrier is transported transits through an infested area to and from the Brisbane Show.
 - a. no cattle tick carrier is offloaded from the vehicle, AND
 - b. no additional cattle tick carrier are loaded into the vehicle unless the additional cattle tick carrier is accompanied by a carrier biosecurity certificate that certifies the conditions for importation for the cattle tick carrier set out in Division 1, Subdivision 2 of the Biosecurity order Permitted Activities 2017.
2. A Record of Movement is completed by the person responsible for the cattle tick carrier prior to the movement into NSW indicating transit through a cattle tick infested zone.
3. A copy of the completed Record of Movement is:
 - a. emailed to cattletick@dpi.nsw.gov.au no later than 24 hours before movement into NSW, OR
 - b. Given to an Authorised Officer when the cattle tick carrier crosses the border into NSW.

Note: The Record of Movement can be accessed on the NSW DPI website at

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/managing-biosecurity/forms>



Commencement: 1 August 2019

Ends on: 19/08/2019

Definitions: If applicable
cattle tick carriers - in this permit means cattle, buffalo, bison, sheep, goats, camelids, horses.
infested area - means the area in Queensland Northern Territory or Western Australia that is not the cattle tick free zone.
Record of Movement - means a form available on the NSW DPI website titled 'Record of Movement'.

Paul Freeman
Authorised officers name

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Signature

Senior Veterinary Officer
Role

1/08/2019
Date

NSW DPI
Agency

Failure to comply with the conditions of the group permit could result in a penalty notice or prosecution. The maximum penalty for an individual is \$1,100,000. The maximum penalty for a corporation is \$2,200,000.

This information is collected by the collecting agency identified in this form in relation to its functions under the Biosecurity Act 2015. This agency/s and the NSW Department of Industry may use and disclose this information as reasonably necessary for the purpose of performing biosecurity risk functions under, or reasonably contemplated by, the Biosecurity Act 2015.

Guide to the Group Biosecurity Permit

Information about the group biosecurity permit

This permit is issued under section 333 and section 336 of the *Biosecurity Act 2015* (the Act). A person is not guilty of an offence against this Act or the regulations under this Act if the person was authorised to engage in the conduct alleged to constitute the offence concerned by a permit in force under this Act.

It is an offence to contravene a condition of a permit.

Penalty for not complying with the group biosecurity permit

The maximum penalty is:

- in the case of an individual—\$220,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, a further penalty of \$55,000 for each day the offence continues, or
- in the case of a corporation—\$440,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, a further penalty of \$110,000 for each day the offence continues.

The maximum penalty for an offence that is committed negligently is:

- in the case of an individual—\$1,100,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, a further penalty of \$137,500 for each day the offence continues, or
- in the case of a corporation—\$2,200,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, a further penalty of \$275,000 for each day the offence continues.

Conditions of a group biosecurity permit

Under sections 348, 349 and 350 of the Act, an authorised officer may impose conditions on a permit at the time of granting or renewing a permit, or at any other time by variation to the permit. The conditions of a permit may include (but are not limited to) conditions for insurance cover, conditions for biosecurity audits, and conditions requiring financial assurances.

Limitations of a group biosecurity permit

A permit does not authorise any conduct in contravention of an emergency order, or a biosecurity direction given in the case of an emergency unless the permit is an emergency permit and the permit is expressed to apply in relation to the emergency concerned.

An authorised officer is not authorised to grant, renew, suspend or cancel an:

- *Emergency permit*, which authorises conduct that, but for the permit, would or might contravene an emergency order, or a biosecurity direction in the case of an emergency, and that is expressed to apply to the emergency concerned.
- *Prohibited matter permit*, which authorises dealing with biosecurity matter that is prohibited matter

Variation of a group biosecurity permit

Under section 344 of the Act, an authorised officer may, at any time, vary a permit by notice in writing. The variation includes the imposition of new conditions on a permit, the substitution of a condition, or the omission or amendment of conditions.

An application for variation to this permit can be made by the permit holder in an approved form and must be accompanied by any relevant information or evidence that the decision maker requires.

Refusal to grant / renew a group biosecurity permit

An authorised officer may on application or using their own initiative, renew or refuse to renew a permit. Section 346 of the Act sets out matters that the Secretary may consider when making a decision to renew or refuse a permit. An authorised officer must give an applicant written or oral notice of a decision to renew or refuse to renew permit. If a notice is provided orally, a written confirmation of the decision must be provided as soon as practicable.

Suspension or cancellation of a group biosecurity permit

An authorised officer may, by notice, suspend or cancel a permit if the authorised officer is satisfied that there are grounds for the suspension or cancellation of the permit. Section 352 of the Act sets out general grounds for suspension or cancellation of a permit.

A person may also apply for the suspension or cancellation of a permit.

Rights of appeal

No appeal can be laid against any decision about a group permit.

For all biosecurity matters please contact NSW Department of Primary Industries on 1800 680 244 or biosecurity@dpi.nsw.gov.au.