

Biosecurity - Stock foods reporting

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Management of the biosecurity risk

The purpose of this procedure is to provide operational guidance in relation to stock food required to achieve the outcomes of the policy 'Chemically affected food-producing animals, animal food commodities and stock food.'

Contamination of stock food products with:

- any substance listed in Schedule 4 of the Biosecurity Regulation 2017 (the Regulation), or
- any substance listed in the Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) standard above prescribed limits, or
- any other biosecurity risk that may result in contamination of animals, stock foods and animal food commodities

presents risks to animal health, market access, and food safety.

Scope

The *Biosecurity Act 2015* (the Act) promotes biosecurity as a shared responsibility between government, industry and communities. This procedure is a State Priority for NSW and should be read in conjunction with the policy on chemically affected food-producing animals, animal food commodities and stock food. The procedure applies to NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI), an office within the NSW Department of Industry, and Local Land Services (LLS) receiving reports of alleged breaches of mandatory measures in the Regulation in order to facilitate referral of the matter to NSW DPI (Biosecurity and Food Safety Compliance) for regulatory action by an authorised officer.

Biosecurity legislation summary

A biosecurity event is defined in the Act and includes events where there is a significant adverse effect related to stock food. For example, contamination of a stock food product with ergot or other toxic substance that would cause major mortalities of animals consuming the food, or create contamination or residues in foods produced from affected animals, or rejection of the product by international markets.

The Regulation contains mandatory measures for manufacturers and importers of stock food products to supply products within maximum limits for any substance listed in Schedule 4 of the Regulation or any substance listed in the MRL standard. Schedule 4 of the Regulation lists the maximum permitted amounts of certain ingredients in stock foods.

The Regulation also contains mandatory measures for manufacturers and importers of stock food products to supply products that are correctly labelled. The operational detail related to this mandatory measure is in the Procedure 'Transmissible spongiform encephalopathy freedom assurance'.

The owner/managers and vendors of food producing animals and stock food products have a general biosecurity duty under the Act to take reasonably practicable steps to prevent or minimise the risk of contamination of food products.

The collection, use and disclosure of information in accordance with this procedure, including any internal or external discussion or distribution of information, must be in compliance with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* or be exempted by the operation of section 387 of the Act.

Section 387 (2) of the Act provides authority for the disclosure of information about a person, without the consent of the person: to a public sector agency, or to any other person, but only if the disclosure is reasonably necessary for the purpose of exercising a biosecurity risk function.

Work Health and Safety

The *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* places an obligation on the agency (NSW DPI and LLS) as a person conducting a business or undertaking and workers to provide a safe and healthy workplace. Safe work method statements that support activities included in this policy must be used in identifying, assessing and controlling risks.

NSW DPI and LLS will work together to create a safe and supportive work environment when undertaking any activities for this procedure.

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Stock foods reporting procedure

1. Roles and responsibilities

1.1 NSW Department of Primary Industries and Local Land Services

- NSW DPI and LLS staff receiving reports about suspected biosecurity events or alleged breaches of mandatory measures in relation to stock foods will action the report as per this procedure.

1.2 NSW DPI (Biosecurity and Food Safety Compliance)

- NSW DPI (Biosecurity and Food Safety Compliance) authorised officers will take compliance action in line with Biosecurity and Food Safety compliance policy.

2. Receiving reports about stock foods

2.1 Reports from the public

The public may make reports about stock foods in person, by email or by telephone. These reports may be made to individual NSW DPI or LLS staff members or, ideally, to the generic biosecurity email account biosecurity@dpi.nsw.gov.au or the Biosecurity NSW – General Enquires phone number 1800 808 085.

2.2 Contents of the report

NSW DPI an LLS staff receiving reports about stock foods from the public should collect the following details:

- the full name and contact details of the person reporting
- the location including property identification code, if known
- history and details of the incident
- details about the stock food including manufacturer, product label and laboratory reports (if any).

2.3 Referral of the report to NSW DPI (Biosecurity and Food Safety Compliance)

NSW DPI an LLS staff are to forward the report about stock foods to the NSW DPI Biosecurity and Food Safety Compliance unit:

- phone reports are to be forwarded to the NSW DPI Biosecurity and Food Safety compliance hotline on 1800 084 881
- email reports are to be forwarded to the compliance team at quarantine@dpi.nsw.gov.au.
- the plant biosecurity officer with responsibility for monitoring the biosecurity the generic biosecurity email account at biosecurity@dpi.nsw.gov.au is responsible for forwarding reports about stock foods to the compliance team at quarantine@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

3. Investigation of incidents regarding stock foods

Suspected incidents will be investigated by an authorised officer and enforcement action will be determined in line with NSW DPI compliance and enforcement policies.

4. Monitoring of stock foods reports

The NSW DPI Technical Specialist Farm Chemicals will run a quarterly report out of BYTE to monitor the effectiveness of the mandatory measures in relation to stock foods in the regulation and stock food issues covered by the general biosecurity duty.

5. Definitions and acronyms

APVMA	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority
LLS	Local Land Services
MRL	Maximum Residue Limit
NSW DPI	NSW Department of Primary Industries

6. Documentation

Biosecurity Act 2015

Biosecurity Regulation 2017

Policy - Chemically affected food-producing animals, animal food commodities and stock food

Policy - Biosecurity collection, use and disclosure of information

Policy - Records Management (IND-I-177)

Policy - Information Security (IND-I-197)

Policy - Classified Information (IND-I-196)

Policy -Government Information (Public Access) (IND-I-178)

Procedure - Biosecurity collection, use and disclosure of information

Procedure - Transmissible spongiform encephalopathy freedom assurance'

Procedure -Chemical traceback investigation

Primefact -Stock Foods Regulation in NSW

Primefact -Stock Foods Regulation in NSW: A Guide for Manufacturers

MRL Standard published by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) in accordance with section 7A of the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992

7. Records

NSW DPI (Biosecurity and Food Safety Compliance) record compliance events in BYTE

8. Revision history

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1.0	01/07/2017	Substantially revised procedure in response to the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i>	Animal Biosecurity and Welfare

9. Contact

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