Biosecurity (Rabies vaccination for Australian bat lyssavirus) Control Order 2018

under the

Biosecurity Act 2015

I, Sarah Britton, Chief Veterinary Officer, NSW Department of Primary Industries, in exercise of delegated authority under the Biosecurity Act 2015, in pursuance of section 62 of the Biosecurity Act 2015, reasonably believing it is necessary to prevent the biosecurity risk associated with Australian bat lyssavirus, make the following Control Order.

Dated this 7th August 2018

SARAH BRITTON
CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
within the DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY
(by delegation)

Explanatory note

This Control Order is made under section 62 of the Biosecurity Act 2015. The object of this Control Order is to manage and prevent the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by Australian bat lyssavirus.
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1. Name of Order

This Control Order is the Biosecurity (Rabies vaccination for Australian bat lyssavirus) Control Order 2018.

2. Commencement

This Control Order commences on the day it is signed.

3. Revocation of the Biosecurity (Rabies Vaccination) Control Order 2017

Pursuant to section 77 of the Act, the Biosecurity (Rabies Vaccination) Control Order 2017 published in NSW Government Gazette No. 67 of 23 June 2017 at pages 2988 to 2989 is revoked, as is any Order revived as a result of this revocation.

4. Definitions

The Act means the Biosecurity Act 2015.

Note: Chief Veterinary Officer has the same meaning as in the Act.

5. Biosecurity Matter and Biosecurity Risk

(1) The biosecurity matter to which this Control Order relates is Australian bat lyssavirus.

(2) The biosecurity risk to which this Control Order relates is infection with Australian bat lyssavirus in exposed terrestrial mammals (except pigs).

6. Control Zone

(1) Pursuant to sections 62(1)(a) and 67 of the Act, this Control Order is limited in its application to the Control Zone being the whole of the State of New South Wales.

(2) The Control Zone is called the Australian Bat Lyssavirus Control Zone.

7. The persons or class of persons to whom the control measures apply

This Control Order applies to all persons in the Australian Bat Lyssavirus Control Zone.

8. Control measures

Pursuant to section 62(1)(b) of the Act, the following control measures apply:
a. A person must not vaccinate, or attempt to vaccinate, a terrestrial mammal with direct exposure to a suspected or confirmed diagnosed case of Australian bat lyssavirus using the rabies vaccine, unless:
   i. the person is a registered veterinarian; and
   ii. the animal is not a pig; and
   iii. the vaccine is administered in accordance with the ‘Vaccination protocol – Post-exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)’ contained in the document entitled *Australian bat lyssavirus (ABL) guidelines for veterinarians* published by the NSW Department of Primary Industries, available at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

b. Registered veterinarians must record details of all rabies vaccinations administered and make these records available to authorised officers on request.

Note: Registered Veterinarians can administer the rabies vaccine to cats and dogs without direct exposure to a suspected or confirmed diagnosed case of Australian bat lyssavirus in some circumstances, in accordance with APVMA Permit number - PER14236.

9. **Duration of control order**

This Control Order has effect for a period of 5 years from its date of commencement.