

Animal Status Declaration



Declaration: I am the person in charge of these animals and I declare that I have read and understand the requirements for this ASD and that the information that follows is true and accurate.

Reference

Signature

AHB / MINDA number

Phone

Name
(print)

Date / /

Fax

Physical address of property

Stock type

Steer

Heifer

Cow

Bull

Lamb

Sheep

Deer

Other

Tally

Description

(breed, age, ID etc)

Destination

1.0 Withholding periods – all animals (see note 1 of the requirements)

1.1 Are any of these animals within the withholding period of any treatment?

yes

no

1.2 If Yes, state the product name, method of treatment and dates applied

(NB: these animals are NOT eligible for slaughter for human consumption until outside the withholding periods)

Product name

Method of treatment

Date used

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2.0 Animal history – all animals (see note 2 of the requirements)

2.1 Were all of these animals born on your property?

yes

no

2.2 Were any of these animals imported into New Zealand?

yes

no

2.3 Are any of these animals under MAF movement control for residues or any purpose other than Tb?

yes

no

2.4 Are any of these animals subject to a current surveillance notice for residues?

yes

no

3.0 Animal feeding – cattle, sheep, lambs, goats, deer, alpacas, llamas (see note 3 of the requirements)

3.1 Have any of these animals been fed ruminant protein in their lifetime?

yes

no

3.2 Have any of these animals been fed ANYTHING OTHER than milk or pasture (see description of 'pasture fed') in their lifetime?

yes

no

4.0 Johne's Disease vaccination – cattle, sheep, lambs, goats (see note 4 of the requirements)

4.1 Have any of these animals been vaccinated against Johne's disease in their lifetime?

yes

no

5.0 HGP treatment – cattle (see note 5 of the requirements)

5.1 Have any of these cattle been treated with a hormonal growth promotant in their lifetime?

yes

no

5.2 If Yes, how many of these cattle have been treated with a hormonal growth promotant in their lifetime?

Number

6.0 Tb Declaration – cattle, deer (see note 6 of the requirements)

6.1 What is the Tb status of these animals? Enter status and index number

Status

Number

6.2 Have any of these animals been tested while under your management?

yes

no

6.3 Does the herd from which these animals are being moved include cattle or deer which have been introduced from a herd of lower Tb status?

yes

no

6.4 What is the **date** of the last Tb test for **these animals** and was Tb detected?

Date / /

yes

no

6.5 What is the **date** of the last Tb test for the **whole herd** and was Tb detected?

Date / /

yes

no

6.6 Is the herd under Tb movement control? (If Yes, a permit is required unless going direct to slaughter)

yes

no

6.7 Are these animals being moved from a property within a Declared Movement Control Area?

yes

no

6.8 If Yes, have these animals been tested within 60 days prior to this movement?

yes

no

(The 60 day test is not required if the animals are going direct to slaughter)

7.0 Additional information (see note 7 of the requirements)

Requirements for the Animal Status Declaration

Purpose of the Animal Status Declaration

Practices on the farm impact on the suitability of animals for processing and on animal products' eligibility for trade. The purpose of the Animal Status Declaration (ASD) is to transfer key information about an animal, or group of animals, to the next person in charge, or the processor. For the processor, the information on the ASD is vital for guiding ante-mortem and post-mortem examination, and for determining export eligibility and certification. The ASD also incorporates the Tb questions required by the Animal Health Board under the Biosecurity (National Bovine Tuberculosis Pest Management Strategy) Order 1998.

Privacy Act Statement

The Privacy Act 1993 provides rights of access to, and correction of, personal information held in readily retrievable form. The information is held by the receiver of the ASD.

Who is to complete and sign the Animal Status Declaration?

The ASD is to be completed by a person in charge of the animals who has the knowledge and authority to answer all the applicable questions. The person in charge of the animals could be the owner, farm manager or saleyard operator; but does NOT include transport operators.

Transport operators are not to prepare ASDs themselves, but are required to transfer the ASD when provided with the animals being moved.

Guidelines for completing the Animal Status Declaration

The ASD MUST be completed for all consignments of cattle (except bobby calves), deer, sheep, lambs, goats, alpacas, llamas, horses, ostriches and emus sent for processing.

In addition, the ASD MUST be completed for all:—

- movements of sheep, lambs, goats, alpacas, llamas, ostriches and emus sent from one property or saleyard to another property or saleyard where there is a different person in charge of the animals; and
- movements of cattle (including calves) and deer.

Saleyard operators are to complete a new ASD or, where there is no change to the status of animals, the saleyard operator may use a clear photocopy of the ASD received with the animals. Where photocopies are used the tallies must be altered to match the departing mobs and the ASD MUST be countersigned by the saleyard operator as being true and accurate and tally changes initialled. Where use of a photocopy is not suitable a new ASD must be completed by the saleyard operator. Where there is change to the status of animals at the saleyard, a new ASD must be completed.

NOTES

The box "**Reference**" at the top of the form is for printing individual reference numbers if desired. This is optional, the NZFSA has not mandated this requirement.

The ASD is a mandated form under the Animal Products Act 1999. No additional commercial information is to be added to the form.

Where the animals' description will not fit in the space provided, the additional information box (Question 7.0) may be used. Then, if necessary, an additional piece of paper that is signed by the person in charge and attached to the ASD could be used.

1 Animal Treatments

You need only detail any treatments which remain within the withholding period. If you do not know the withholding period, the following defaults apply:—

- 91 days (3 months) for cattle, deer, sheep, goats, alpacas, and llamas;
- 63 days for horses, ostriches and emus.

Calves for rearing: If the dam was within a meat withholding period at the time of birth of the calf, or if the calf has been fed milk from a dam within a milk withholding period of any animal treatment, or the calf itself has been treated, then enter details of the treatment in this section when the calf is within a withholding period.

2 Animal History

Movement Control: The ASD question 2.3 must be ticked 'yes' when animals are under any movement control imposed by MAF, including NZFSA.

3 Animal Feeding

Under the Biosecurity (Ruminant Protein) Regulations 1999 it is an offence to feed ruminant protein in any form, composition or admixture to ruminants. Ruminant protein means protein derived from ruminant tissue including blood but excluding dairy product. Ruminant refers to cattle, deer, sheep, lambs, goats, alpacas, and llamas.

Pasture fed means that the animals have been raised under normal New Zealand farming conditions with year round access to grass (hay, silage, lucerne, feed

crops) and other supplementary feeds (including manufactured feeds provided that you have a statement from the manufacturer that the feed does not contain animal protein or animal fat other than dairy). You must keep manufacturers' declarations. Where animals have been fed on a feed pad or feedlot other than for short term periods then they would not be 'pasture fed' because of not having year round access to grass.

If you do not know if an animal has been only 'pasture fed' you must tick the 'yes' box.

4 Johne's Disease Vaccination

The ASD must be ticked 'yes' when any of the animals have been vaccinated with Johne's disease vaccination or you believe a previous owner may have vaccinated them.

5 Hormonal Growth Promotants (HGP)

HGPs may only be used under veterinary supervision. **If you do not know** whether the cattle have been treated with HGPs you must tick the 'yes' box, and put 'unknown' in the number box.

6 Tuberculosis (Tb) Declaration

The Tb status to be declared is the Tb status currently assigned to the herd by the AHB.

Special movement conditions apply to herds with an Infected (I) status and to some herds with a Suspended (S) status. If you have received a legal notice restricting the movement of your herd, refer to the conditions contained within that notice prior to moving your stock.

If you move stock without a completed ASD or without the correct pre-movement test, you may be prosecuted and the stock may be redirected back to your property.

If you are uncertain how to complete this declaration or you do not know your herd's Tb status or whether the herd is located within a Declared Movement Control Area (risk area) contact **0800 4 TBINFO (0800 482 4636)** prior to moving stock.

7 Any further information

This box enables other important information to be given by the person completing the ASD, for example identifying that the animals are experimental animals.

Records

The person in charge who completed and signed the ASD must keep a copy of the completed ASD for 1 year.

The person in charge who received the animals must keep the ASD received for the period that the animals are kept and then for an additional year.

Processing companies must keep the signed ASD (and any faxed changes) for 4 years from receipt.

Use of the ASD

- When it is provided, the signed ASD form must accompany the animals sent from the property. In the case of electronic transfer – the ASD must be present at the receiving property when the animals arrive.
- If animals arrive at a property without an accompanying ASD or the receipt of an electronic ASD, then the animals must be separated from all other stock and held until a completed and signed ASD is received; OR the animals must be returned to the supplier.
- Faxed copies of any changed ASD are acceptable.

Warning

It is an offence under the Animal Products Act 1999 to falsify, alter or misrepresent any declaration required by this Act, with the intent to deceive or for the purposes of obtaining any material benefit or avoiding any material detriment.

It is an offence under the Biosecurity Act 1993 to: 1) Move cattle or deer aged 30 days or more unless accompanied by a completed Tb declaration; 2) Move cattle or deer aged 90 days or more from a risk area to a place outside that risk area or within any risk area from its herd of origin or the place or establishment at which the animal is being kept to a place other than the place occupied by the owner or person in charge of the cattle beast or deer, unless it has undergone within 60 days prior to the date of movement, a negative test for bovine tuberculosis; 3) Make a declaration that is false or misleading.

It is an offence under the Biosecurity (Ruminant Protein) Regulations 1999 to allow ruminants to be fed ruminant protein.

It is an offence under the Biosecurity (Animal Identification systems) Regulations 1999 to move cattle and deer over 30 days of age from the herd of origin or place where the animals are kept unless identified in accordance with these regulations.