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**SPECIAL**

Stock (Seller Liability and Declarations) Act 1993

## NOTICE SPECIFYING FORM OF DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 18A

I, Michael Taylor, Secretary to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment, under section 18A of the Stock (Seller Liability and Declarations) Act 1993, (the Act) -

1. **SPECIFY** that a declaration made by, or on behalf of, a seller of stock that relates to the treatment, feed, husbandry or pasturing of that stock that is in or is to the like effect of the form appearing in the Schedule below is a declaration to which section 18A of the Act applies; and
2. **REQUIRE** that a selling agent who receives a declaration made under section 18A retain the declaration for a minimum of two years from the date of the sale to which the Declaration relates; and
3. **REVOKE** the specification of a Declaration to which section 18A applies, made by me on 6 January 1997 which appeared in the Government Gazette of 16 January 1997.

This Notice takes effect from 1 January 1998 inclusive.

Schedule

### National Vendor Declaration (Cattle) Fourth Edition

#### PART A

Read carefully the Explanatory Notes before completing the Declaration. Please print clearly.

I ..... trading as .....  
of ..... address .....  
..... phone .....  
advise that all the information provided in this Declaration is true and correct and have read the accompanying Explanatory Notes before completing this Declaration.

No. of Cattle: Male  Female  Total

Way Bill/Travel Permit No. (if applicable)

Transaction tag number applying to this consignment:

Signed ..... Date ..... / ..... / .....  
(Only the vendor or a person responsible for the husbandry of the cattle may sign)

#### This section for European market eligibility (See the Explanatory Notes)

Have any of these cattle ever been treated with a HGP in their lives?

Yes  how many?  No  how many?  Don't know or uncertain  how many?

If NO, and to be eligible for EU access, the cattle MUST be identified with pink 'HGP Free' tags if consigned to a saleyard or abattoir. See Explanatory Notes.

1 Does the property from which these cattle are sourced carry accreditation under an independently audited QA program?

Yes .....  No  
Name of program ..... Program accreditation No. ....

2 Were ALL of the cattle bred and raised on the vendor's property?

Yes  No  Don't know

If NO, how long ago were the cattle obtained or purchased? (if purchased at different times, tick the box corresponding to the time of the most recent purchase)

A  Less than 2 months B  2 to 8 months C  8 to 24 months D  More than 24 months

**3** Have any of these cattle been fed by-product stockfeeds in the past 60 days?

Yes  No  Don't know

If Yes, attach a list of the by-product stockfeeds, date when last fed & a copy of an analyst's report if available.

**4** In the past 6 months have any of these cattle been on a property which is included on an AQIS Targeted Testing List (TTL) (including the TTL for OCs), or placed under grazing restrictions because of chemical residues?

Yes, give details .....  No  Don't know

If Yes, and an analysts report or letter of clearance from state authority is available, attach a copy.

**5** In the past 60 days, have any of these cattle been treated orally, externally or by injection with a veterinary drug or chemical?

Yes  No  Don't know

If Yes, list the chemical or chemical products, the treatment date/s, the meat withholding period/s (WHP/s) and the Export Slaughter Interval/s (ESI/s) if established (see current ESI List).

Chemical Product	Treatment date	WHP	ESI (if set)
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....

**6** In the past 60 days, have any of these cattle grazed or been fed any pasture, crop, stubble or fodder sprayed with an agricultural chemical in the 60 days prior to grazing or harvesting?

Yes  No  Don't know If Yes, give details below:

Product	Date Sprayed	Grazing WHP	Date cut or 1st grazed	Date feeding/ grazing ceased
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

**7** Additional information in relation to this consignment, including details of drug or chemical treatments with WHPs or ESIs exceeding 60 days & where the WHP or ESI is yet to expire; or metal shot used when mustering these cattle.

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**PART B**

In the case of cattle sold at auction, this declaration is to be retained by the selling agent for a minimum of two (2) years. A copy is to be made available to any buyer of the consignment, or part of the consignment, on request.

Stock Agent Company .....

Buyer's name ..... No. of cattle purchased .....

Signed ..... Date ..... / ..... / .....

Explanatory Notes appearing on the back of the form-

**Why is the National Vendor Declaration (Cattle) needed?**

The National Vendor Declaration (Cattle) was developed with the assistance of all sectors of the cattle industry as a voluntary scheme to assist producers to document the residue status and history of cattle consigned for sale or slaughter. Any false or misleading statements made in a completed Declaration may lead to prosecution and/or attract civil action by the purchaser.

Cattle must not be mustered using metal shot.

**Attachment of a wrap-around tag**

Producers who have used wrap-around transaction tail tags on the consignment to which this Declaration refers are asked to attach a tag to this side of the form, identical to the tags attached to the cattle.

**Analyst's reports**

Vendors are encouraged to attach copies of analysts' reports on the residue status of listed by-product stockfeeds (Question 3), or on the results of biopsy testing of cattle in the consignment (Questions 4, 5 and 6), to their completed Declaration. Copies of letters from State authorities detailing the residue status of the cattle may also be attached.

**Completing the HGP status question**

The European Union (EU) does not permit the importation of beef from cattle that have been treated with Hormonal Growth Promotants (HGP's)

Vendors are only permitted to answer "NO" to the status question on this form if they are responsible for the husbandry of the cattle and know that the cattle so declared have never in their lives been treated with HGP's.

Vendors must have in their possession a completed National Vendor Declaration or equivalent document from ALL previous owners stating that the cattle in question have never been treated with

HGP's. If such declarations are not available, then the appropriate answer to the HGP status question is 'Don't know'.

By answering 'No' to this question, a vendor is acknowledging that the cattle he/she is selling are suitable for processing for EU markets. A person who misrepresents the 'HGP Free' status of cattle is guilty of an offence under State/Territory and Commonwealth legislation, and may be fined or imprisoned for up to 12 months.

Cattle presented for sale or slaughter as eligible for EU markets MUST be identified with pink tags stamped 'HGP Free'. Cattle not identified with a pink tag stamped 'HGP Free' are ineligible for EU processing.

Contact your local Department of Agriculture/Primary Industries office if you require further information about how to complete the HGP question on this form.

**Explanation of Terminology**

**By-product stockfeed (Question 3)**

Plant material not produced primarily for livestock consumption, such as waste fruit, vegetables and fibre crops including peel, pulp, pressings, stem and leaf material.

Does not include grain and grain by-products, cotton seed, oilseed meals, tallow and molasses.

**AQIS Targeted Testing List (TTL) (Question 4)**

Properties with T1, T2, T3, T4 and F classifications, assigned under the NORM program, are listed on the AQIS TTL. Some properties have also been allocated a C (clear) or a T5 classification, however, such properties do not have an AQIS TTL classification for the purposes of this Declaration.

Producers with properties on an AQIS TTL for organochlorines (OC's), or other chemical residues, have been advised in writing by State Departments of Agriculture/Primary Industries of their TTL status.

**Placed under restrictions (Question 4)**

Quarantine, or the management of cattle with residues above MRL under regulatory restrictions.

**Veterinary drugs and chemicals (Question 5)**

Veterinary drugs and chemicals administered orally, by injection or to the skin, including antibiotics, vaccines, worm and mastitis treatments and externally applied insecticides, but excluding vitamin and mineral treatments. For calves, weaners or vealers, includes exposure through access to milk from cows treated or exposed to drugs or chemicals that may be excreted in the milk.

**Export Slaughter Intervals (ESI's) for cattle parasiticides (as at 30 September 1997)**

An Export Slaughter Interval (ESI) is the period following treatment when cattle are unsuitable for export processing. A withholding period (WHP) is the period following treatment when cattle are unsuitable for processing for domestic consumption. ESI's and WHP's for common parasiticides are listed to the right.

ESI's may exist for other Ag and Vet chemicals. Up to date information is available from the ESI web site (see next column). Alternatively you should contact your chemical supplier to obtain further information about the chemicals you are using.

**Important information**

- ▲ the label WHP is the minimum legal requirement at all times;
- ▲ label directions for use must be strictly adhered to for the ESI to apply;
- ▲ lean cattle usually have higher residue levels than normal. It is wise to add a margin to ESI's for very poor stock losing condition;
- ▲ 'not established' indicates that an ESI is yet to be determined; &
- ▲ 'no recommendation' means that an ESI could not be established from the information available.

Agvet Chemical	ESI (days)	WHP (days)
Acatak	64 weeks	42
Arrest Pour-On	21	nil
Avomec Injection	not established	30
Barricade S	21	8
Bayofly	21	nil
Bayticol Pour-On	56	nil
Blockade S Dip & Spray	21	8
Buff Fly Di	3	3
Coopafly	30	nil
Cydectin Injectable	28 (see note 1)	14
Cydectin Pour-On	28 (see note 1)	7
Cypafly SP	3 (see note 2)	3
Dectomax	49	49
Defiance S	not established	3
Di-Jet (backrubber)	10	3
Di-Jet (backspray)	3	3
Diazinon (backrubber)	10	3
Diazinon (backspray)	3	3
Duotin injection	not established	30
Fasinex 50 & 120	not established	28
Fencare 25 & 100	not established	21
Grenade Dip & Spray	no recommendation	nil
Ivomec Injections & Pour-On	42	42
Levamisole Gold, I.V. & Pour-On	not established	3
Levipor	not established	3
Lypor	120	42
Mixadrum	not established	3
Nucidol 200 EC (backrubber)	10	3
Nucidol 200 EC (backspray)	3	3
Oxfen C & L.V	not established	8
Poron	10	nil
Rycomectin	not established	30
Swot	3 (see note 2)	3
Tempor	120	42
Tiguvon Pour-on	30	10
Tiguvon Spot-on	21	10
Tixafly	21	nil
Virbamec injection	not established	30
Warbex	14	14
Young's Levamisole, Injectable & L.V.	not established	3

The following AgVet chemicals have a nil WHP and a nil ESI:  
Amitik WP; Bayticol Dip and Spray; Bovicare;  
Ditik; Ficam Gold; Nu-Tic; Optimizer Ear Tags

(see note 3); Python Ear Tags (see note 3); SPIKE Ear Tags (see note 3); SPR Amitraz; Sumifly Insecticide; Supona BF (backspray & backrubber); and Taktic.

more; and (3) Removal of Ear Tag prior to slaughter recommended to prevent possible contamination.

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Notes: (1) ESI is 40 days if multiple treatments are given; (2) ESI only applicable where treatments are given at intervals of 21 days or

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Up to date ESI information is available on the internet. The website address is <http://accom.com.au/picu>

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Dated 31st day of December 1997.

Michael Taylor  
Secretary to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment



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