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Livestock Disease Control Act 1994

Order Declaring a Control Area for Ovine Brucellosis and declaring requirements which are to apply in the Control Area

The Lieutenant-Governor as the Governor's deputy with the advice of the Executive Council makes the following Order:

1. Objective

The objective of this Order is to -

- (a) declare a Control area for ovine brucellosis; and
- (b) specify requirements which are to operate in the Control area; and
- (c) prohibit the entry of rams into the Control area under specified circumstances.

2. Authorising provision

This Order is made under section 6 of the **Livestock Disease Control Act 1994**.

3. Definitions

In this Order -

“**approved Committee of Management**” means a Committee of Management responsible for the management of the sampling and testing of rams for ovine brucellosis in the Control area, and recognised by the Secretary, Department of Natural Resources and Environment as being so responsible;

“**Vendor Declaration**” means a declaration completed by the seller of the rams in respect of the rams being sold, stating:

- (a) the name and address of the person making the declaration; and
- (b) a brief description of the rams being sold including any marks, brands and ear tag identification numbers; and

- (c) the address of the property from which the rams originated prior to the sale; and
- (d) that the person making the declaration -
 - (i) is responsible for the husbandry of the particular rams; and
 - (ii) has kept the rams on the property from which the rams are being sold since birth or for a minimum of 2 years prior to the sale; or
 - (iii) has knowledge of the condition or disease status of those rams from birth; and
- (e) that the rams being sold were either -
 - (i) bred and raised in an ovine brucellosis accredited-free flock; or
 - (ii) introduced, bred or raised on another property but came with a declaration made pursuant to this order from the prior seller; and
- (f) that the rams come from a flock from which there has been no evidence of ovine brucellosis in the 12 months prior to the sale; and
- (g) if the rams do not originate from an accredited-free flock -
 - (i) that the rams were blood tested for ovine brucellosis with a negative result within the 14 days prior to the sale; and
 - (ii) that the rams were manually examined in the 7 days prior to their dispatch for sale from the property of origin and no lesions consistent with ovine brucellosis were found.

4 *Control Area*

The area of Victoria known as the Mallee and bounded in the west by the South Australian Border from the Murray River to the 36^o south parallel, on the south bounded by the 36^o south parallel from the border to and along the Pullut West Road, Pullut East Road, Galaquil West Road, Galaquil East Road, McLoughlan Road, Sunraysia Highway, Birchip-Wycheproof Road, on the east bounded by Donald-Swan Hill Road and the Murray Valley Highway to Swan Hill and on the north bounded by the Swan Hill- Moulamein Road to the Murray River and by the Murray River between Swan Hill and the South Australian border, is declared to be a control area in respect of ovine brucellosis in livestock.

5. *Requirements in the control area*

Within the Control area-

- (a) an owner of rams which are 6 months of age or more must-
 - (i) submit the rams for testing for ovine brucellosis on request by the approved Committee of Management; and
 - (ii) submit the rams for testing and sampling for ovine brucellosis, in accordance with any directions that may be issued by the Manager, Animal Health Operations of the Department of Natural Resources and

- Environment, to a registered veterinary surgeon, an Inspector of Livestock or a person authorised by the Manager, Animal Health Operations of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment to test and sample rams for ovine brucellosis; and
- (iii) provide adequate facilities and sufficient assistance to allow the safe and efficient handling of rams during sampling and testing procedures required under (i), and (ii);
 - (iv) provide information on the movement of rams onto and from the owner's property to an Inspector of Livestock on request by an Inspector of Livestock;
- (b) an owner of rams which are diagnosed as infected with ovine brucellosis must-
- (i) immediately after the diagnosis, isolate the infected rams from the other rams in the flock; and
 - (ii) dispose of the infected rams by slaughter on site or by direct consignment to an abattoir or knackery within 30 days of receiving the test result which confirmed the infected status of the rams; and
 - (iii) submit the remaining rams in the flock for re-testing to enable further diagnosis and eradication of ovine brucellosis infection from the flock;
- (c) a person must not -
- (i) sell rams, or
 - (ii) transport rams- other than to an abattoir or knackery for slaughter, unless the rams are sold or accompanied with a duly completed Vendor Declaration;
- (d) a person must not cause rams -
- (i) to be introduced into the Control Area, and
 - (ii) to remain in the Control Area, on introduction - unless the rams are accompanied on entry into the Control Area by a duly completed Vendor Declaration.

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