A SUSPECTED EXOTIC DISEASE

Biosecurity NZ Process

Exotic Disease (e.g. Foot and Mouth Disease) or Pest (e.g. Tick) noticed or suspected

Call your vet

Exotic Disease and Pest 24hr Emergency Hotline **0800 80 99 66**

A disease investigator will phone the farmer or vet to see if an investigation is needed

Exotic Disease or Pest ruled out? Yes → Investigation stood down

No

Investigating vet dispatched to the suspected case

Exotic Disease or Pest ruled out? Yes → Investigation stood down

No

Incursion vet dispatched from MAF *

Exotic Disease or Pest ruled out? Yes → Investigation stood down

No

Samples collected to confirm or rule out disease

Exotic Disease or Pest ruled out? Yes → Investigation stood down

No

Response to exotic disease declared by Biosecurity NZ.

* Biosecurity NZ is part of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)

Farmer – To do list

- Phone your vet or the 0800 80 99 66 hotline immediately if you suspect an exotic disease.
- Clean your boots, overalls or any equipment that may have been used on or near these animals, especially if you leave the farm.
- Prevent contact between your animals and any neighbouring stock.

- Inform your neighbour only on the advice of the investigating vet.
- Minimise animals/people entering farm.

- Muster suspected animals and keep them separate from healthy animals, where possible.
- Avoid unnecessary movement of animals, people and vehicles on and off your farm.
- Have all details ready for when the investigating vet phones. This includes symptoms noticed, numbers affected, any production records, records of new animals introduced, feeding records, vaccinations or animal treatments etc.

- Have all relevant records on hand.
- Ensure that the incursion vet can inspect affected animals without delay.
- Provide adequate holding and restraint facilities, and provide help as needed.
- Ensure adequate lighting is available, especially when the inspection is done at night.
- Ensure warm water and buckets are available to wash equipment used in the inspection.

- Read the Restricted Place (RP) notice carefully, and understand the contents and implications.
- Ask questions about the notice – enquire about your responsibilities and rights.
- Report any further information that may be of use in the investigation or to control the disease.
- Abide by the conditions of the RP notice.
- Keep to hand historical breeding records, and keep a diary of events for compensation purposes.

IF YOU SUSPECT AN EXOTIC PEST OR DISEASE ON YOUR PROPERTY

If you observe unusual disease symptoms, abnormal behaviour or unexpected deaths of animals on your farm, or an unknown pest, you are required to report this under the Biosecurity Act 1993.

INFORMATION AND ADVICE

Advice:

Your vet or Poultry company – (Insert name and contact number above)

Biosecurity NZ Exotic Disease & Pest Hotline 0800 80 99 66

Disease Fact Sheets

- **MAF Biosecurity NZ Fact Sheets**
  http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/pest-and-disease-response/know-the-enemy
- **New Zealand Food Safety Authority** Website:
  http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/consumers/food-safety-topics/animal-diseases/index.htm
- **Federated Farmers Fact Sheet** www.fedfarm.org.nz or ph 0800 (FARMING) 327 646
- **Poultry Industry Association of New Zealand** www.pianz.org.nz
- **Egg Producers Federation of New Zealand** www.eggfarmers.org.nz
- **New Zealand Pork Industry Board** www.pork.co.nz
- **New Zealand Feed Manufacturers Association** www.nzfma.org.nz

Personal Advice & Support

- **Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc.** For members and in exceptional cases non-members www.fedfarm.org.nz or phone 0800 (FARMING) 327 646.
- **Rural Support Trusts** Local networks contactable through Federated Farmers (see above).

Media Enquiries

All media have contact details of Biosecurity NZ.

Compensation

Compensation will be paid if justifiable under the Biosecurity Act.

To ensure you have the best chance of receiving compensation keep:

- A diary of instructions given and action taken from the commencement of the investigation;
- Financial records of costs incurred;
- Historical production and breeding records.

The Biosecurity Act 1993 allows for compensation to be paid to people who have suffered verifiable loss due to the exercise of powers under the Act to manage or eradicate an unwanted organism. Compensation can be made for the damage or destruction of property, and also for losses as a result of imposed restrictions on movement or disposal of goods, but not for losses caused by the disease itself.













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