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Livestock Disease Control Act 1994

NOTICE OF ORDER

Order Declaring a Control Area for Newcastle Disease and Prohibitions on the Entry of Domestic Chickens into Victoria

I, Peter Walsh, Minister for Agriculture and Food Security, give notice of the making of an Order under section 29 of the **Livestock Disease Control Act 1994** declaring the whole of Victoria to be a Control Area in respect of the exotic disease, *Newcastle disease*.

The Order has effect for 12 months from 1 November 2014.

A copy of the Order may be obtained by telephoning the office of the Chief Veterinary Officer on (03) 9217 4390.

Dated 6 October 2014

THE HON. PETER WALSH MLA
Minister for Agriculture and Food Security

Livestock Disease Control Act 1994

ORDER DECLARING A CONTROL AREA FOR NEWCASTLE DISEASE AND PROHIBITIONS ON THE ENTRY OF DOMESTIC CHICKENS INTO VICTORIA

I, Peter Walsh, Minister for Agriculture and Food Security and Minister responsible for the administration of the **Livestock Disease Control Act 1994**, make the following Order under section 29 of that Act.

1. Objectives

The objectives of this Order are to –

- a) declare the whole of Victoria a Control Area for the exotic disease Newcastle disease;
- b) specify the requirements which are to operate in the control area;
- c) prohibit the entry of domestic chickens (*Gallus domesticus*) into the Control Area except under specified circumstances.

2. Authorising provision

This Order is made under section 29 of the **Livestock Disease Control Act 1994**.

3. Duration of Order

This Order has effect for 12 months from 1 November 2014.

4. Revocation

The Order made on 17 October 2013 under section 29 of the **Livestock Disease Control Act 1994** by the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security declaring a control area for Newcastle disease and published in Government Gazette G 43 on 24 October 2013, pages 2630 and 2631 is **revoked**.

5. Definitions

In this Order –

‘**Chief Veterinary Officer**’ means the Chief Veterinary Officer of the Department of Environment and Primary Industries;

‘**commercial poultry flock**’ means a managed group of more than 1,000 domestic chickens (*Gallus domesticus*);

‘**Chief Biosecurity Director**’ means the Chief Biosecurity Director of the Department of Environment and Primary Industries;

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‘vaccination’ means administration of Newcastle disease vaccine in accordance with Manufacturer’s recommendations;

‘Standard Operating Procedures’ means the Newcastle Disease Vaccination Standard Operating Procedures 2013–2016 of the National Newcastle Disease Management Plan 2013–2016.

6. Control Area

The whole of Victoria is declared to be a Control Area in respect of the exotic disease Newcastle disease for commercial poultry flocks.

7. Requirements in the Control Area

- (1) The owner of a commercial poultry flock in the Control Area must ensure that all chickens in the flock are vaccinated and serologically monitored to demonstrate vaccination efficacy in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Chief Veterinary Officer or the Chief Biosecurity Director.
- (2) The owner of a commercial poultry flock in the Control Area must –
 - (a) maintain for 3 years a record of all vaccine use by type of vaccine, date of administration, location, and age and number of chickens vaccinated;
 - (b) advise the Chief Veterinary Officer of any adverse reactions to the vaccine within 48 hours of the event;
 - (c) only introduce domestic chickens for inclusion in the commercial poultry flock that have been vaccinated in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures, and that are accompanied by a vendor declaration stating the age and number of the chickens and the date(s) and type(s) of Newcastle disease vaccine administered, unless otherwise approved by the Chief Biosecurity Director;
 - (d) maintain for 3 years a record of vendor declarations received under sub-clause (3)(c) for poultry introduced to the flock;
 - (e) maintain for 3 years records of any serological monitoring for Newcastle disease undertaken on the flock;
 - (f) in accordance with any directions of the Chief Biosecurity Director, submit the commercial poultry flock for sampling for Newcastle disease to a registered veterinary practitioner, an Inspector of Livestock, or a person authorised by the Chief Biosecurity Director. Such samples must be submitted to a registered veterinary diagnostic laboratory for testing;
 - (g) promptly provide access to records referred to in this part to an Inspector of Livestock upon request.

8. Exemption

Clause 6 of this Order does not apply to the owner of Specific Pathogen Free poultry or other highly biosecure commercial poultry who is the holder of a permit issued under section 30(2) of the **Livestock Disease Control Act 1994** and who is operating in accordance with the conditions of that permit.

9. Prohibition on Entry

A person must not introduce domestic chickens into the Control Area for inclusion in a commercial poultry flock unless the chickens have been vaccinated in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures and are accompanied by a vendor declaration stating the age and number of the chickens and the date(s) and type(s) of Newcastle disease vaccine administered, other than with an authority approved by the Chief Biosecurity Director, and subject to any conditions or limitations set out in that authority.

Dated 6 October 2014

THE HON. PETER WALSH MLA
Minister for Agriculture and Food Security

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