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### **Preliminary “Routine Stock Movement Notification” – Information requirements for emergency disease-related Movement Permits**

Pork SA has negotiated with Biosecurity SA the development of information requirements for a range of Movement Permits (MP) in the event of an emergency animal disease (EAD) to support business continuity where allowed. There are a range of Movement Permits designed to address different stages of an emergency disease response, from livestock standstill through to resolution of the incident. Permits will be required to support movement of stock for routine operations during a disease emergency, and will reflect the risk status of the movement, as assessed by the Controlling Authority at the time of the emergency and depending on the disease or emergency involved.

This is a two-step process where:

- Step 1: producers notify Biosecurity SA of stock movements undertaken as part of routine operations that could be impacted by a disease emergency, by submitting a completed “Routine Stock Movement Notification” form (Form 1)
- Step 2: At the time of an emergency disease incident, producers apply for Movement Permits for each consignment, from the Controlling Authority (Biosecurity SA, PIRSA).

Step 1 can be completed now by submitting the *Routine Stock Movement Notification* form to Pork SA for submission to Biosecurity SA.

This provides the agency with a forewarning of the numbers and types of likely applications for Movement Permits (Step 2) for business continuity purposes that will require risk assessment at the time of an EAD incident, and opportunity for a preliminary assessment.

It is anticipated that producers most likely to be affected by movement restrictions in an EAD will refresh or check their contingency plans for movements on an annual basis. For APIQ accredited producers the information required for lodging this *Routine Stock Movement Notification* form to Biosecurity SA can be found in your APIQ<sup>✓</sup>® plan Section 2.1.1-Required Documents).

#### ***What, Why and Who needs to apply***

Movement Permits will be needed in an emergency disease incident for the movements of all susceptible livestock and the livestock products, in accordance with state and national emergency plans and legislation. In order for the Controlling Authority to issue

these Permits, a risk assessment needs to be completed at the time of the incident. The risk assessment that the authority does will be based upon information including:

- What is known at the time about the disease and where the disease is nationally or within SA
- What test or surveillance results are available
- What class, number and age of stock are being moved
- Stock identification details
- Proposed transport route and means of movement
- What other susceptible livestock may be exposed on the proposed route of travel

#### Movement of grower stock

MPs are largely needed for the routine transfer of weaner stock to separate grower sites during a declared disease emergency incident, thus avoiding animal health and welfare issues that may result from over-crowding.

Lodging a *Routine Stock Movement Notification* of stock movement now (Step 1) provides authorities with key information that provides an overview of movement volumes, patterns and transport hotspots to enable a preliminary evaluation of the risks associated with current routes. This preliminary evaluation will allow identification of movements where alternative routes are likely to be required and opportunity for enterprises to identify acceptable alternatives. All producers lodging a *Routine Stock Movement Notification* will receive advice from Biosecurity SA with regards to any need to plan for alternative routes.

Ultimately the Property Identification Code (PIC) of the destination is not the critical criteria on whether an MP is needed. One critical factor is whether the transfer utilises public roads past properties owned by other entities. The aim is to minimise risk of exposure and spread of disease to other livestock along the transport route.

#### **Who will need an Emergency Movement Permit in a stock-standstill**

If you routinely take stock past another person's property on a public road to another site for production purposes you need to complete the *Routine Stock Movement Notification* form and update it annually.

Decontamination requirements that reflect the potential risk of the particular EAD will be a condition of the Movement Permit approved at the time of the incident.

#### ***Benefits of submitting Routine Stock Movement Notification forms***

Providing Biosecurity SA with a list of routine stock movements will enable preliminary assessments of alternative transport routes, the frequency and volume of approvals required, and assist planning for processing of the MP applications that would need to be submitted at the time of a disease emergency (Step 2) when resources are likely to be stretched, thereby reducing problems that arise due to delays.

Ultimately this will support enterprise and industry continuity, and assist individual enterprise emergency contingency planning.

## ***Movements that do not require submission on a Routine Stock Movement Notification form***

### **Movement of stock to slaughter**

Arrangements for movements of stock to slaughter will be subject to Movement Permits separate to those required for the movement of livestock and genetic material for business continuity.

*Routine Stock Movement Notification* submissions are not required at this stage for slaughter stock movements. This will be subject to other arrangements determined appropriate at the time and in the context of risk posed by the type of animal health emergency.

### **Movement of genetic material – breeding stock and semen**

A separate routine movement notification form is being developed by Pork SA and Biosecurity SA with AI centres, to cover the transfer of boars to AI centres and the movement of semen. As for routine livestock movements, collection of such information now will assist planning to support industry continuity and management of an emergency disease response.

### ***How do I apply***

***Routine Stock Movement Notification forms are available from Pork SA at <http://www.porksa.com.au/resources/>.***

***Forms and maps need to be completed for each routine transfer route i.e. if stock go to multiple sites from a breeder farm, a form is required for each route/destination.***

***Instructions on constructing a Google map is on page 2 of the Form.***

**NB.**

**Applicants will be reminded by Pork SA annually to update their own details for current or new routine stock movements, so this information can be rapidly supplied to PIRSA at the time of an emergency disease incident. This information will be required as described in Step 2.**