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Biosecurity (Japanese encephalitis) Control Order (No 2) 2022

under the

Biosecurity Act 2015

I, SARAH BRITTON, Group Director Animal Biosecurity, with the authorisation of the Minister administering the *Biosecurity Act 2015* and under section 62 of the *Biosecurity Act 2015*, make the following Control Order.

Dated

25 day of March 2022

Sarah Britton

Group Director Animal Biosecurity Department of Primary Industries Department of Regional NSW

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of Control Order

This Control Order is the Biosecurity (Japanese encephalitis) Control Order (No 2) 2022.

2 Commencement and duration

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- (2) This Control Order has effect until 17 June 2022.

Note. Notice of this Control Order will be given by publishing it on the Department's website and in the Gazette.

3 Revocation

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4 Definitions

(1) In this Control Order:

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- (a) pregnant sows or gilts presenting with aborted, mummified or malformed foetuses, stillborn or weak piglets born at term,
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the Regulation means the Biosecurity Regulation 2017.

(2) Words and expressions that occur in this Control Order have the same meaning as they have in the Regulation, unless otherwise defined in this Control Order.

Note. Pursuant to section 11 of the *Interpretation Act 1987* words or expressions used in this Control Order have the same meaning as in the *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

5 Grounds for order and biosecurity impact

The basis for concluding that it is necessary to make this control order is as follows:

- (a) The introduction, presence, spread and increase of Japanese encephalitis (the **biosecurity matter**) has the potential to have an adverse effect on the economy, the environment and the community (the **biosecurity impact**).
- (b) On 25 February 2022, Japanese encephalitis was confirmed in pigs from a number of commercial pork enterprises in NSW. Japanese encephalitis is an acute mosquito-borne viral disease most commonly seen in pigs, horses and humans.
- (c) Control measures are required to prevent, minimise or manage the spread of Japanese encephalitis virus from infected premises to other areas in New South Wales.

6 Control zone

The control zone in which control measures are required to be implemented under this Control Order is the whole of New South Wales.

7 Person to whom control measures apply

The control measures in:

- (a) clause 8 of this Control Order applies to any person in charge of an infected premises or a suspect premises who is moving a pig,
- (b) clause 9 of this Control Order applies to any person in charge of a semen collection centre that is an infected premises or a suspect premises
- (c) clause 10 of this Control Order applies to any person in charge of an infected premises or a suspect premises,
- (d) clause 11 of this Control Order applies to any person in charge of a receiving facility,
- (e) clause 12 of this Control Order applies to any person in charge of an interstate infected premises or interstate suspect premises.

Note. It is recommended that any person in contact or working with a pig from an infected or suspect premises wear appropriate personal protective equipment, in particular long pants, long-sleeved shirt and insect repellent to limit mosquito bites. Further information can be found on the NSW Health website and in the "Mosquitoes are a Health Hazard" communicable diseases factsheet https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/mosquito.aspx

Part 2 Control measures for infected premises and suspect premises

8 Control measures – movement of pigs from infected premises

A person in charge of an infected premises or suspect premises must not move a pig from that premises unless the following requirements are complied with:

(a) the pig is being moved to a receiving facility,

- (b) the pig is fit for the intended journey and shows no clinical signs of Japanese encephalitis immediately prior to movement,
- (c) as far as reasonably practicable, the pig is moved from the premises to the receiving facility in daylight hours,
- (d) the agreement or other arrangement entered into for the transport of the pig requires the person driving the vehicle to:
 - (i) travel directly to the receiving facility,
 - (ii) only stop at intervals as required by the Land Transport of Livestock Standards, or as otherwise required by law,

Note. Part 2 of the Land Transport of Livestock Standards sets out the general standards of the land transport of livestock, and clauses 73-75 set out additional specific requirements for the land transport of pigs.

- (iii) where reasonably practicable, only stop at locations that are away from known areas of human habitation and waterways, and
- (iv) not load pigs from any other premises onto the vehicle before the pigs are unloaded at the receiving facility,
- (e) the pig is only loaded on to a vehicle that:
 - (i) does not have any pigs from any other premises, and
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Note. it is expected that all vehicles used to transport pigs will be cleaned after pigs are unloaded using high volume washing to remove all visible organic matter from the vehicle.

- (f) in the case of a movement to an abattoir or knackery,
 - (i) the pig has been on the premises for more than 42 days before it is moved to the abattoir or knackery, and
 - (ii) the abattoir or knackery is advised that the pig must be slaughtered within 24 hours of leaving the premises,
- (g) in the case of a movement that is not to an abattoir or knackery, the pig must remain at the receiving facility for 7 days following movement,
- (h) before moving a pig from the premises, a Record of Movement is completed and submitted to the Department. The Record of Movement is available on the Department's website and must be submitted online via the website,
- (i) the receiving facility is advised, prior to the movement of the pig, that the pig has been moved from an infected premises or suspect premises.

Notes.

- 1. The requirements of the Biosecurity (National Livestock Identification System) Regulation 2017 apply to the movement of pigs. In particular, a pig must be properly identified and all NLIS movement documents must be provided to the transporter.
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9 Control measures – movement of pig semen from infected or suspect premises

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