



***Mycoplasma bovis* Controlled Area Notice 2022**

This notice is given under section 131 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act) by a Chief Technical Officer of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

***Mycoplasma bovis* – controlled area, movement controls and procedures**

1 Commencement

This notice comes into force at 11:59 PM on 12 October 2022.

2 Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to declare areas as controlled areas under section 131(2) of the Act, and to establish movement controls and specify treatments and procedures under section 131(3) of the Act, to:

- (1) Limit the spread of *Mycoplasma bovis* (*M. bovis*);
- (2) Minimise the damage caused by *M. bovis*;
- (3) Protect the controlled areas from further incursions of *M. bovis*.

3 *M. bovis* is an unwanted organism

M. bovis is an unwanted organism under the Act.

4 Interpretation

- (1) In this notice, unless the context otherwise requires, -

Act means the Biosecurity Act 1993.

At-risk area means the areas contained within the orange boundary in the map in schedule 1 of this notice.

Cattle means live animals of the subfamily *Bovinae*. For avoidance of doubt, this definition includes bobby calves.

High-risk area means the areas contained within the red boundary in the map in schedule 1 of this notice.

Inspector or authorised person means an inspector or authorised person appointed under section 103 of the Act.

NAIT records means records required to be maintained and submitted by persons in charge of animals under the National Animal Identification and Tracing Act 2012.

Notice of Direction or **NOD** means a direction issued by an inspector or authorised person under the Act, including but not limited to directions under sections 43, 121 or 122 of the Act.

Permit means the written permission of an inspector or authorised person under section 134(1)(b) of the Act, including any conditions contained in the permission.



Restricted Place Notice or **RP** means a notice issued under section 130 of the Act.

5 Controlled area declaration

(1) I declare that the two areas set out below, which are in Wakanui and are further defined by the maps in Schedule 1, are controlled areas in respect of *M. bovis*:

(a) **At-risk area**: are the areas contained within the orange boundary in the map in schedule 1 of this notice. The boundary co-ordinates are:

- Point A 171.787°E, 44.059°S
- Point B 171.761°E, 44.993°S
- Point C 171.833°E, 43.966°S
- Point D 171.893°E, 44.014°S

(b) **High-risk area**: are the areas contained within the red boundary in the map in schedule 1 of this notice. The boundary co-ordinates are:

- Point E 171.807°E, 44.051°S
- Point F 171.790°E, 44.003°S
- Point G 171.849°E, 43.993°S
- Point H 171.864°E, 44.027°S

(2) Any farm that is bisected by the boundary of the high-risk area or the at-risk area is included within that area.

6 Notice of movement controls for high-risk area

(1) While the controlled areas declared in clause 5 are in place, no person may move cattle out of or into the high-risk area.

Guidance (this guidance is to assist the reader and does not form part of the requirements of this notice)

Despite clause 6(1), an inspector or authorised person may permit the movement of cattle out of the high-risk area under section 134(1)(b) of the Act. To apply for a permit, email mbovis_si_ops@mpi.govt.nz.

Permits may be granted to move cattle **out of** the high-risk area if:

- A cattle census is completed;
- All NAIT records are up-to-date; and
- The group of cattle for which the permit is requested has a negative test result prior to leaving the high-risk area. Subsequent testing of the cattle may be required.

It is unlikely that any permits will be granted to move cattle **into** the high-risk area because of the risk that those cattle may become infected with *M. bovis* within that area.



7 Notice of movement controls for at-risk area

- (1) While the controlled areas declared in clause 5 are in place, no person may move cattle out of the at-risk area.

Guidance (this guidance is to assist the reader and does not form part of the requirements of this notice)

Despite clause 7(1), an inspector or authorised person may permit the movement of cattle out of the at-risk area under section 134(1)(b) of the Act. To apply for a permit, email mbovis_si_ops@mpi.govt.nz.

Permits may be granted to move cattle **out of** the at-risk area if:

- A cattle census is completed;
- All NAIT records are up-to-date; and
- All cattle groups on the farm receive a negative test result before leaving the at-risk area.

For avoidance of doubt, this notice does not prohibit the entry of cattle **into** the at-risk area.

8 Effect on existing and future notices and directions

This notice does not affect any existing or future Notices of Direction (NODs) or Restricted Place Notices (RPs). If there is a conflict between a requirement of this notice and a requirement of a NOD or RP, the requirement of the NOD or RP takes precedence.

Example (this example is to assist the reader and does not form part of the requirements of this notice):

Farm A is inside the at-risk area and is also subject to a RP Notice that prohibits Farm A from receiving new cattle. Even though the conditions of clause 7(1) of this Controlled Area Notice for the at-risk area do not prohibit the entry of cattle into the at-risk area, Farm A still cannot receive cattle because Farm A must also comply with the RP Notice.

9 Expiry

This notice remains in force until a notice of revocation is issued by a Chief Technical Officer.

Guidance (this guidance is to assist the reader and does not form part of the requirements of this notice)

The Chief Technical Officer will consider revoking this notice when:

- All testing requirements on farms in the at-risk area have been completed, with negative results; and
- *M. bovis* infection has been removed from all farms in the high-risk area, including any cleaning and disinfection, stand-down period, and subsequent testing is completed.

Signed at Wellington on 23 of September 2022.

Mary van Andel
Chief Technical Officer
Ministry for Primary Industries



Explanatory note

*This notice, which comes into effect on 12 October 2022, declares a controlled area and gives notice of movement controls and treatment requirements to limit the spread of *M. bovis*. The purpose of the notice is to:*

- (1) *Limit the spread of *M. bovis*:*
- (2) *Minimise the damage caused by *M. bovis*: and*
- (3) *Protect the controlled areas from further incursions of *M. bovis*.*



Schedule 1 - Map of Controlled Areas



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Boundaries

- Wakanui High Risk Area**
- Wakanui At Risk Area**

"At Risk Area" Extent:
A: 171.787°E 44.059°S
B: 171.761°E 43.993°S
C: 171.833°E 43.966°S
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Information

This information section is not part of the notice but is intended to provide further detail about applying for a permit to carry out activities that are prohibited by the notice, consequences of breach of this notice, activities that are not prohibited by the notice, publication, and compensation.

How to apply for a permit for activities that are prohibited by this notice

In accordance with section 134(1)(b) of the Act, an inspector or authorised person may permit a person to carry out an activity that would otherwise be prohibited by this notice.

Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will be subject to any conditions and directions under section 122 of the Act that are necessary to manage the biosecurity risk of the proposed activity.

To apply for a permit, please email mbovis_si_ops@mpi.govt.nz

Consequences of breaching this notice

Breach of this notice may result in seizure of goods moved in contravention of the notice; an application for a pecuniary penalty order against you for breach of the notice; or an offence under the Act.

If you or your employee or agent do not comply with this notice or any subsequent directions given by an inspector or authorised person, you may breach the Act. Please ensure your employees have a copy of this notice.

Publication

This notice will be published on MPI's website at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/biosecurity/mycoplasma-bovis/>.