

Our legal controls to contain *Mycoplasma bovis*

To contain any spread of the disease from infected or farms suspected of being affected, we're issuing 2 types of notices to farms. The notices – Restricted Place Notices and Notices of Direction – are to restrict the movement of any risk goods, including animals, out of these properties. To make sure the requirements of the notices are followed, MPI follows up all incidents of non-compliance.

All infected farms have been placed under Restricted Place Notices (RPNs), legally preventing the movement of animals, equipment, and risk materials both onto and off these properties.

MPI is tracing movements of animals and other risk goods on and off the properties to find out if other farms are at risk.

More information on RPNs

Issued under section 130 of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

- RPNs are issued to properties that have, or are suspected of having *Mycoplasma bovis* present.
- The RPN prohibits all unauthorised movements of farm stock and other risk goods onto and off the property. This minimises the chance of the disease spreading from the property.
- Any movement of cattle requires a permit from MPI.
- Transport vehicles must follow a cleaning and disinfection process when they leave a restricted place.
- Staff from AsureQuality (MPI's managing partner for biosecurity) are ensuring that cleaning, disinfecting, and permit requirements are complied with.

Notice of Direction (NoD)

Issued under section 122 of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

- MPI issues NoDs to farms when an inspector or authorised person believes that movement of stock and other risk goods from a property poses a risk of spreading *Mycoplasma bovis*. For example, MPI may issue a NoD when animals from infected properties move to that property, but no testing has happened yet. We may also issue the NoD if test results are still pending.
- The NoD aims to prevent further spread and doesn't restrict movement of stock or goods onto the farm.
- Cattle can only move off the farm with a permit.
- Other steps may be required (cleaning and disinfecting of vehicles).