

NOTICE OF DIRECTIONS: SECTION 81 ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999

Under Section 81 of the Animal Products Act 1999 (“the Act”):

- **All users (owners or persons in charge or control) of sheep and goat semen and embryos imported from any country other than Australia (“imported germplasm”); and**
- **All owners of animals that are recipients of imported germplasm and/or first descendants of those animals.**

DIRECTIONS

1. Animals that are recipients of imported germplasm must be tagged with one red ear tag with “MPI GP Imp” mechanically printed on it.
2. All progeny (first descendants only) of the recipient animals, described in direction 1 above, must be tagged with one red ear tag with “MPI GP Imp” mechanically printed on it at the time of birth or as soon as practicable after birth.
3. Any tag attached as required above that becomes damaged or falls off must be replaced with another MPI tag and the new on-farm number recorded.
4. If imported germplasm is sold, the owner must inform the purchaser that it is imported germplasm and draw the purchaser’s attention to these directions.
5. The following records must be kept by users and owners, where relevant, for three years:
 - a) The date of birth of each of the tagged progeny, together with each animal’s sex, species, and breed type; and
 - b) The place where each tagged recipient and progeny are kept; and
 - c) Each tagged animal’s on-farm identification; and
 - d) Any change in ownership of the tagged animal(s) or the imported germplasm, and the name and address of the new owner; and
 - e) The date of each tagged animal’s death, other than in a slaughter facility; and
 - f) The date of each tagged animal’s slaughter.
6. The records must be available for inspection within 48 hours of a request being made by an animal product officer, and be kept in a manner and format from which they can be readily retrieved and made available for inspection.

These directions come into effect immediately and remain in force until **1 June 2017** unless amended, replaced or revoked in writing by the Director-General before that date.

These directions relate to imported germplasm that is imported from the time these directions are made.

These directions are in addition to any requirements on persons under the Biosecurity (Imported Animals, Embryos, and Semen Information) Regulations 1999.

PURPOSE

Pursuant to section 81 of the Act, these directions to persons in control of animal material have been issued for the purpose of taking preventative action in respect of animal material and animal product

that I cannot be reasonably satisfied will meet the requirements of the Act in the absence of these directions.

INFORMATION RELATING TO DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 81 OF THE ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999:

A breach or failure to comply with a direction given under section 81 is an offence against section 135 of the Animal Products Act 1999. This carries a penalty for a body corporate of a fine not exceeding \$100,000 and for an individual, a fine not exceeding \$20,000