



Vendor declaration for bovine Johne's disease

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Bovine Johne's disease (BJD) Vendor Declarations provide valuable information to potential stock purchasers. They can assist purchasers to assess the risk that the cattle being offered for sale may carry BJD.

The Vendor Declaration for BJD is a declaration of Johne's disease status for cattle. National vendor declarations have been an essential part of the livestock selling process since 1994. They disclose information about the history and quality of the stock to the buyer. Likewise the BJD Vendor Declaration provides information about the BJD status of the herd of origin of the cattle being purchased.

The BJD Vendor Declaration also indicates the BJD zone of origin of the stock, (refer to Agriculture Note: *Zoning for Bovine Johne's disease*), and the testing history (if any) of the herd of origin of the cattle.

How to use the BJD Vendor Declaration

Part A: This section contains owner details and identifies the stock to be sold. Both the herd BJD status and the zone from which the herd originates is declared (i.e. Victoria is a Control zone).

Part B: This section contains information on participation in the cattle Market Assurance Program (CattleMAP) (Refer to Agriculture Note: *What is CattleMAP?*). Details include the current herd CattleMAP status (e.g. MN1, MN2 or MN3 status). Herds participating in the CattleMAP program provide assurance of low risk of BJD infection.

Part C: This section is for Check Tested herds. Check testing involves blood testing at least 50 adult cattle. The cattle tested are those that are most likely to be infected (e.g. older cattle or cattle introduced within the last four years). This gives some assurance of the BJD status of the herd as a biased sample of the herd is being tested. The Check Test status is valid for 12 months and further testing is necessary on an annual basis to maintain this status.

An alternative to check testing is to conduct a herd test equivalent to a Sample Test under CattleMAP. This test will provide a 95% confidence of detecting BJD if the disease is present in 2% of cattle over 2 years of age in the herd.

Part D: The Tested Low Prevalence (TLP) status is available for infected herds that have been testing, where the results from recent tests indicate a low prevalence of BJD in the herd. TLP status is obtained if the herd is enrolled in an official Test and Control Program, has adhered to the requirements for the last 2 years, and has a rate of reactors

(and clinical cases) over the last 2 tests of 1.5% or less. The cattle must not be high risk cattle and the owner must tick one of the following points relating to the cattle being sold:

- Were born in the herd after the commencement of the test and control program in that herd; or
- Were introduced with an approved vendor declaration (being based on MN status, CT or TLP); or
- The cattle were introduced as adults from a Non-Assessed herd and have been included in at least one herd test with negative results.

Purchasing from such herds provides assurance that there is only a low risk of cattle being infected. In fact, cattle in this category have a lower risk of infection than those from a "Non-Assessed" dairy herd advertised as "no known Johne's".

Part E: Only the owner of the cattle or the person responsible for the husbandry of the cattle may complete and sign this declaration. Stock agents cannot make this declaration on behalf of clients.

Always request a BJD Vendor Declaration

BJD vendor declarations are a quality assurance measure. Do not be afraid to ask for a vendor declaration when purchasing cattle. If a cattle owner has no reason to suspect BJD is present in their herd, and the property is not under any movement restrictions on account of BJD, there is no reason they should not complete a BJD Vendor Declaration. Vendor declarations are a legal document, and making a false or misleading statement about the disease status of cattle being sold can result in legal action.

Further information

Further information about BJD Vendor Declarations can be obtained from Animal Health staff at any DPI office.

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DECLARATION OF JOHNE'S DISEASE (JD) STATUS FOR CATTLE

Completion of this form is only relevant for breeding cattle Do NOT complete for slaughter cattle

Note: Complete PART A, and PART E and tick and complete one of Parts B, C or D

PART A

I _____
of _____
am the owner/person with day to day responsibility for the husbandry of, the cattle described below: .

The cattle have been kept at _____ (Name and location of property)

This property is in a (tick applicable box):

Residual Control Protected Free Zone for BJD

The property status for Bovine Johne's Disease is (tick applicable box):

Infected Suspect Not Assessed Other

Identification (Brands, eartags, tattoos)	No. of cattle	Earmarks	Description of cattle (Age, sex, breed)

(Attach signed list if necessary)

The cattle described above, either (tick applicable boxes):

- A.1 were bred, raised and have only resided on the property detailed above; or
 A.2 were purchased/introduced and have resided on the property above for at least four years; or
 A.3 were purchased/introduced with a vendor declaration equivalent to:
 Part B or Part C or Part D in this declaration.

NOTE: Making a false or misleading statement about the disease status of cattle for sale may make the signatory liable to prosecution and/or civil action under the Trade Practices Act 1974 and relevant State legislation

PART B CATTLEMAP HERDS ONLY (tick if applicable)

B.1 The cattle herd has the following status in the CattleMAP:

MNI MN2 MN3 (Insert year status obtained in the appropriate box)

Certificate No. _____ Expiry Date _____ Signed: _____

PART C

CHECK TEST HERDS (tick if applicable)

- C.1** I have no reason to suspect that Johne's disease is present in the herd of _____ origin or on any land on which the herd has grazed. The property is not in quarantine or under movement restrictions on account of Johne's disease; AND
- C.2** Within the last 12 months, at least 50 cattle in the herd of origin _____ being from the older age groups bred in the herd and/or introduced in the past 4 years, have been tested by a veterinarian approved by the State for JD Programs with negative results for Johne's disease.
 Date of test:/..../....
 Previous negative tests (year) : 19..... 20.... 20....; OR
- C.3** Herds tested to CattleMAP Standard: within the last 12 months, _____ a herd test equivalent to a Sample Test under CattleMAP has been conducted by _____ a veterinarian approved by the State for Johne's disease programs, with negative results for Johne's disease.
 Date of test:/..../....
 Previous negative tests (year): 19.... 20.... 20....

Part D

TESTED LOW PREVALENCE (TLP) HERDS (tick if applicable)

- D.1.** The herd has a Tested Low Prevalence status under a State control program; and
D.2. The cattle described in Part A above are not officially listed as *high risk* cattle; and (tick applicable boxes)
 were born in the herd after the commencement of the test and control program in that herd, or
 were introduced with an approved vendor declaration (being based on MN status, CT or TLP), or
 the cattle were introduced as adults from a non-assessed herd and have been included in at least one herd test with negative results.

Part E

DECLARATION

I declare that **all** of the information I have provided in this form is true and correct.

Part E

DECLARATION

Declared at: _____ Date: _____ Signed: _____

(NOTE: Stock agents cannot make this declaration on behalf of clients)