

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Regulations 1988, No. 7*

Regulations under the *Stock Diseases Act*

I, ERIC EUGENE JOHNSTON, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the *Stock Diseases Act*.

Dated 26th February 1988.

E.E. JOHNSTON
Administrator

AMENDMENTS OF STOCK DISEASES REGULATIONS

1. COMMENCEMENT

These Regulations shall come into operation at the expiration of 14 days from the date on which the making of the Regulations is notified in the *Gazette*.

2. PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

The *Stock Diseases Regulations* are in these Regulations referred to as the *Principal Regulations*.

3. DEFINITIONS

Regulation 3 of the *Principal Regulations* is amended by omitting subregulation (1) and substituting the following:

* Notified in the *Northern Territory Government Gazette* on 9 March 1988.

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"(1) In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears -

"'abattoir' has the same meaning as in the *Abattoirs and Slaughtering Act*;

'register' means the register kept under regulation 19;

'stranger tail tag' means a tag registered under regulation 16 in respect of a holding and bearing the identification particulars allotted by the Chief Inspector;

'tail tag' means a tag registered under regulation 15 in respect of a holding or part of a holding and bearing the identification particulars allotted by the Chief Inspector and includes a Territory tail tag;

'Territory tail tag' means a tag registered by the Chief Inspector under regulation 18."

4. REPEAL

Regulation 8 of the Principal Regulations is repealed.

5. REPEAL AND SUBSTITUTION

Regulation 10 of the Principal Regulations is repealed and the following substituted:

"10. INTERSTATE HEALTH CERTIFICATE

"For the purposes of section 24(b) of the Act, an interstate health certificate shall be in accordance with, where the stock entering the Territory are -

(a) stock other than cattle - Form D; or

(b) cattle - Form E."

6. NEW REGULATIONS

The Principal Regulations are amended by adding after regulation 13 the following:

"14. MOVEMENT OF CATTLE

"Where cattle are to be moved from a holding on which they are kept or depastured to an abattoir, saleyard or such other place as the Chief Inspector, for the purposes of this regulation, determines, the owner of those cattle shall, before they are moved, affix or cause to be affixed to each animal around the tail immediately above the brush -

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- (a) a tail tag - where the cattle are ordinarily kept or depastured; or
- (b) a stranger tail tag - where the cattle are not ordinarily kept or depastured,

on that property.

"15. REGISTRATION OF TAIL TAGS

"(1) Subject to this regulation, the owner of a holding on which cattle are kept or depastured shall apply in writing to the Chief Inspector for the registration of a tail tag in respect of that holding.

(2) An application under subregulation (1) shall be made within 14 days after the date on which -

- (a) these Regulations come into force in respect of a person who is or becomes the owner of a holding on that date; or
- (b) a person becomes the owner of a holding in respect of which no tail tag is registered under this regulation.

"(3) On receipt of an application under subregulation (1), the Chief Inspector shall register or refuse to register, as he thinks fit, a tail tag in respect of the holding the subject of the application, and where he registers a tag he shall allot identification particulars to be used with the tag.

"(4) Where, under subregulation (3), the Chief Inspector registers a tail tag in respect of a holding he shall forward to the applicant -

- (a) a certificate of registration; and
- (b) the identification particulars,

of the tail tag.

"(5) Nothing in this regulation shall prevent the owner of a holding applying for the registration of, or the Chief Inspector registering, a tail tag in respect of a part of a holding.

"(6) Where, before the commencement of these Regulations, the owner of a holding was allotted by the Chief Inspector identification particulars to be used to identify cattle usually depastured on the holding, the particulars so allotted shall, on the commencement of these Regulations, be deemed to be identification particulars allotted under subregulation (3) and a tag bearing those particulars shall be deemed to be a tail tag registered in respect of the holding.

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"16. REGISTRATION OF STRANGER TAIL TAGS

"(1) The owner of a holding in respect of which a tail tag is registered may apply in writing to the Chief Inspector for the registration of a stranger tail tag in respect of that holding.

"(2) On receipt of an application under subregulation (1), the Chief Inspector may register or refuse to register, as he thinks fit, a stranger tail tag in respect of the holding the subject of the application, and where he registers a tag he shall allot identification particulars to be used with the tag.

"(3) Where, under subregulation (2), the Chief Inspector registers a stranger tail tag in respect of a holding, he shall forward to the applicant -

- (a) a certificate of registration; and
- (b) the identification particulars,

of the stranger tail tag.

"(4) Where, before the commencement of these Regulations, the owner of a holding was allotted by the Chief Inspector identification particulars to be used to identify cattle not usually depastured on the holding, the particulars allotted shall, on the commencement of these Regulations, be deemed to be identification particulars allotted under subregulation (2) and a tag bearing those particulars shall be deemed to be a stranger tail tag registered in respect of the holding.

"17. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

"(1) Where a tail tag or stranger tail tag is registered in respect of a holding and the holding is sold or transferred the person to whom the holding is sold or transferred shall, within 14 days of the sale or transfer, notify the Chief Inspector in writing of the change of ownership.

"(2) The Chief Inspector shall, on being notified in accordance with subregulation (1), amend the register accordingly and shall forward to the new owner a certificate of registration of the tail tag or stranger tail tag, as the case may be.

"18. TERRITORY TAIL TAG

"(1) For the purposes of these Regulations, the Chief Inspector may register a Territory tail tag.

"(2) The Chief Inspector may -

- (a) affix or caused to be affixed; or

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(b) permit a person to affix,
to cattle a Territory tail tag.

"(3) A Territory tail tag shall have such identification particulars as the Chief Inspector determines.

"19. CHIEF INSPECTOR TO KEEP REGISTER

"(1) Subject to subregulation (2), the Chief Inspector shall cause to be kept and maintained, in such form as he thinks fit, a register of tail tags and stranger tail tags.

"(2) The register shall contain in respect of each tail tag or stranger tail tag -

- (a) the name and address of the owner of the holding in respect of which the tag is registered;
- (b) the name of the holding, or a description of the holding or the part of it, in respect of which a tag is registered;
- (c) the identification particulars allotted to each tag; and
- (d) such other information or particulars as the Chief Inspector thinks fit.

"(3) The Chief Inspector may amend an entry in the register where he is satisfied that there is an error in the register or where a particular in the register was included on false or misleading information.

"20. OFFENCES RELATING TO TAGS

"(1) A person shall not attach to cattle -

- (a) a tail tag; or
- (b) a stranger tail tag,

bearing identification particulars other than those allotted by the Chief Inspector to be used with the tag.

"(2) A person shall not affix to cattle a tag intended or likely to be, or capable of being, confused with or represented as being a tail tag or stranger tail tag.

"(3) A person shall not affix to cattle a tail tag or stranger tail tag except around the tail immediately above the brush.

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"(4) A person shall not affix to cattle which are to be taken or removed from a holding a tail tag or a stranger tail tag other than a tail tag or stranger tail tag registered in respect of that holding.

"(5) Unless permitted by an inspector a person shall not remove a tail tag or stranger tail tag affixed to cattle.

"21. PERSON IN CHARGE OF ABATTOIR TO NOTIFY INSPECTOR WHERE CATTLE NOT TAGGED

"Where a person in charge of an abattoir or sale yard takes delivery of cattle which do not have affixed to them a tail tag or stranger tail tag he shall immediately notify an inspector of -

- (a) the number of cattle taken delivery of;
- (b) the name of the holding from which the cattle were removed; and
- (c) the date of delivery of the cattle to the abattoir or sale yard.

"22. REGULATORY OFFENCES

"An offence of contravening or failing to comply with these Regulations is a regulatory offence.

Penalty: \$1,000."

7. SECOND SCHEDULE

The Second Schedule of the Principal Regulations is amended by omitting Forms D and E and substituting the following:

"FORM D

Regulation 10

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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INTERSTATE HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR STOCK
OTHER THAN CATTLE

IMPORTATION INTO NORTHERN TERRITORY

Subject to the conditions specified in this certificate (importer) is authorized to import into the Northern Territory the stock specified in this certificate.

- (a) Number of stock

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- (b) Species of stock
- (c) Place of origin of stock
- (d) Place from which stock are imported
- (e) Destination of stock in the Territory
- (f) Place of entry into the Territory
- (g) Method of travel
- (h) Conditions on which certificate is granted are as follows:
 - (i) stock to be free of noxious weeds and seeds; and
 - (ii) 48 hours prior notice of entry into the Territory of the stock to be given to an inspector.

ENDORSEMENTS

HORSES

- [] Show no sign of fistulous wither or are negative to a blood test (RBT) for brucellosis;
- [] Are from a property which has been free of strangles for the preceding 14 days and have not been in contact with other infected horses;
- [] Have been in a cattle tick (Boophilus Microplus) free area for the preceding 35 days and are free of tick; or
- [] Have received a clean treatment under supervision of an Inspector and are loaded within 24 hours.

Note: Horse includes ass, mule or hinny.

PIGS

- [] Are for immediate slaughter at an abattoir licensed under the *Abattoirs and Slaughtering Act*.
- [] Are from a piggery which is free of tuberculosis and brucellosis.
- [] Are free of external parasites.

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POULTRY

- [] Being chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys or pheasants, are eggs or birds of any age from flocks certified free of pullorum disease and being day old originate from a hatchery certified free of pullorum disease.
- [] Being chickens, pheasants, geese, ducks or turkeys (excluding fertile eggs and day old birds) originate from an area where clinical infectious laryngo-tracheitis has not been known to occur within the preceding 90 days.
- [] Being adult poultry are from a flock approved by the Chief Inspector of Stock (Northern Territory).
- [] Are free from external parasites.

Note: Poultry includes all species of ducks, geese, turkeys and domestic fowls.

SHEEP AND GOATS

- [] Are sheep showing no clinical evidence of footrot and were derived from a property in which footrot has not been known or suspected to exist.
- [] Are sheep or goats derived from a property or herd in which Johne's Disease has not been known or suspected to exist during the 5 year period immediately prior to introduction.
- [] Are sheep or goats free of external parasites.
- [] Are goats derived from a property in which caprine arthritis encephalitis has not been known or suspected to exist during the 5 year period immediately prior to introduction.

DEER

- [] Are deer originating from a property which is subjected to no restrictions for either bovine tuberculosis or brucellosis;
- [] Are deer originating from a property or herd in which Johne's Disease has not been known or suspected to exist during the 5 year period immediately prior to introduction;
- [] Have prior written approval from the Conservation Commission of the Northern Territory;
- [] Have been in a tick (cattle) free area for the preceding 35 days and are free of ticks; or
- [] Have received a clean treatment under supervision of an Inspector of Stock and are loaded within 24 hours.

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CAMELS

- [] Have been in a tick free area for the preceding 35 days and are free of ticks; or
- [] Have received a clean treatment under supervision of an Inspector and are loaded within 24 hours.

BEEES

- [] Being bees, bee products/equipment (used or unused) as described in attached Health Certificate completed by a Government Apiary Office in the State of origin.

Issued at _____ this _____ day of _____
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(Signature of person issuing permit)

(Veterinary Officer/Inspector of Stock (Strike out whatever is inapplicable))

All appropriate boxes on the form shall be clearly filled with a "YES" or a "NO".

ORIGINAL: to accompany stock

DUPLICATE: to District Veterinary Officer, Darwin,
(whichever Katherine, Tennant Creek or Alice Springs
destination
applicable)

"FORM E

Regulation 10

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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INTERSTATE HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR CATTLE

Subject to the conditions specified in this certificate
..... (importer) is authorized to
import into the Northern Territory the cattle specified
in this certificate.

(a) Number of cattle

(b) Species of cattle

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- (c) Place of origin of cattle
- (d) Place from which cattle are imported
- (e) Destination of cattle in the Territory
- (f) Place of entry into the Territory
- (g) Method of travel
- (h) Conditions upon which certificate is granted are as follows:
 - (i) cattle are to be branded or otherwise identified;
 - (ii) cattle are to be free from noxious weeds and seeds; and
 - (iii) 48 hours prior notice of entry into the Territory of the cattle is to be given to an inspector.

A. CATTLE TICK (*Boophilus Microplus*)

- Being cattle which have spent the 35 days preceding entry into the Northern Territory in a tick free area (no treatment required); or
- Being cattle which have been exposed to tick infestation in the 35 days preceding entry into the Northern Territory (one clean supervised treatment in a plunge dip and loading within 24 hours of treatment).

B. TUBERCULOSIS

- Being cattle from a herd which is AF, CF or TN, or MN in impending or provisional free area - no test required.
- Being cattle from a herd which is MN in eradication area (one clean test within 30 days of movement).
- Being cattle from a herd which is PC (only with prior written permission of Chief Inspector of Stock (Northern Territory)).
- Being cattle to be used to restock a previously destocked area (only with the prior written permission of the Chief Inspector of Stock (Northern Territory)).

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C. BRUCELLOSIS

- [] Being cattle from a herd which is AF, CF, TN OR MN (no test required).
- [] Being any spayed animals or castrated animals from herds of PC or lesser status where the operation has been performed at least 6 months before the date of movement (no test required).

D. JOHNE'S DISEASE

- [] Being cattle originating from a property or herd in which Johne's Disease has not been known or suspected to exist during the 5 year period immediately prior to movement.

E. IMMEDIATE SLAUGHTER

- [] Being cattle conveyed in isolation from non slaughter cattle direct for immediate slaughter at an abattoir licensed under the *Abattoirs and Slaughtering Act*.
- [] Being cattle from a herd which is IN (tuberculosis) must be marked with yellow paint stripe at least 8 x 60 centimetres along the axis of the back.

F. OTHER INFESTATIONS AND DISEASES

- [] The cattle to be imported into the Northern Territory are not suffering any clinically apparent sickness with lumps, growths or open wounds which may be objectionable or causing pain or discomfort to the animals.

Issued at _____ this _____ day of _____
19 _____

(Signature of person issuing permit)

(Veterinary Officer/Inspector of Stock (Strike out whatever is inapplicable))

All appropriate boxes on the form shall be clearly filled with a "YES" or a "NO".

ORIGINAL: to accompany stock

DUPLICATE: to District Veterinary Officer, Darwin,
(whichever destination applicable) Katherine, Tennant Creek or Alice Springs
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8. FURTHER AMENDMENTS

The Principal Regulations are further amended as set out in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 8

AMENDMENTS

Provision	Amendment	
	omit	substitute
Regulation 3(2)	"Second Schedule"	"Schedule 2"
Regulations 4, 5 6, 7, 11 and 12	"the Ordinance"	"the Act"
Regulation 4	"First Schedule"	"Schedule 1"
Regulation 9	"paragraph (b) of section 24 of the Ordinance"	"section 24 of the Act"
Regulation 13(1)	"Penalty: 200 dollars"	
Regulation 13(2)	"of stock"	
Heading to the Schedules	"THE SCHEDULES"	
Second Schedule	"SECOND SCHEDULE"	"SCHEDULE 2"
Forms A, B, C, F and G	" <i>Stock Diseases Ordinance</i> (wherever occurring)"	" <i>Stock Diseases Act</i> "