

Protocol for Controlling the Risk of *Mycoplasma bovis* Contamination

The following protocol is in response of the outbreak of *Mycoplasma bovis* in New Zealand.

This protocol is designed to minimise the risk of unintentional transfer of *Mycoplasma bovis* as a result of business operations carried out by Selwyn District Council staff and contractors:

- Between sites, waterways, water races, land drainage schemes or river catchments; or
- From one water body to another.

By powers of entry granted under Section 171 of the Local Government Act 2002. This protocol applies to all activities where there is a risk of transferring *Mycoplasma bovis* as follows:

When moving items and or entering properties you must:

CONTACT	<p>Ideally notify the land owner(s) 24 hours, or as far as practical, before inspection or maintenance to ensure you do not arrive unannounced.</p> <p>If you must arrive unannounced, go up the main farm track and remain in your vehicle while you try to make contact with a manager/owner by phone.</p> <p>Do not enter the farm property beyond the main farm track without permission.</p>
SEPARATE	<p>Use only equipment and plant necessary for work. If a property is declared a restricted space, you must obtain a 'restricted place notice' because failure to comply with any condition imposed by the notice is an offence under the Biosecurity Act 1993.</p> <p>Your vehicle should remain on the main farm track, tanker track or house access tracks and should not be taken on to tracks/pastures/areas cattle regularly go.</p>
CLEAN	<p>Report to the Farm Manager or delegated personnel for Site Sign-on and follow the Farm's Environmental and Health and Safety Protocols. The Farm must provide a place to wash boots and other equipment for visitors. You must wash hands with soap and wear disposable gloves when requested. Follow farm staff directions for traveling across the farm to reduce the risk of contamination by following no-go zones for stock. Attempt to stay away from animals as far as practical. Ensure you leave notification of entry if authorisation was not given to enter a property. (In a letter box or in a zip lock zip tied to an entry gate).</p> <p>Overall a "clean on – clean off" policy applies.</p>
DISINFECT	<p>Staff should carry sufficient solution made up for a day's work programme to use if a site does not properly label their disinfectant or SICON staff are unsure of the site's disinfectant. Decontamination using the solution should be carried out in a place where splashing and/or disposal of the used solution will not cause environmental damage.</p> <p>Recommended Disinfectants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1% Virkon (50g in 5 Litres water)• 0.2% Citric Acid (1 teaspoon in 1 Litre water)• Trigene <p>If cleaning is not practical due to land owners not having a cleaning site, ensure all equipment and PPE is clean and disinfected prior to entering the property. If the landowner refuses entry due to perceived or actual risk of <i>Mycoplasma bovis</i>, notify them in writing of this protocol and collect a name, position, mail address or email and contact. A letter or email will be sent outlining the powers of entry and warning of enforcement actions.</p>