FEEDLOT EMERGENCY ANIMAL DISEASE



ACTION PLAN

WORKBOOK V1

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### FEEDLOT EMERGENCY ANIMAL DISEASE ACTION PLAN

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#### Purpose of the Feedlot Emergency Animal Disease Action Plan

The purpose of the EAD Action Plan is to document the practices that are in place for a feedlot to respond to an EAD incursion in Australia. Its primary purpose is to ensure that feedlots have adequate planning to prevent an EAD from entering the feedlot as a priority.

It differs from the Destruction, Disposal and Decontamination plan which addresses managing an EAD on the feedlot to prevent its spread off the feedlot.

#### How to complete this plan

The EAD Action Plan should be completed in conjunction with [The Guidelines on Guidance document on how to](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) [complete an EAD Action Plan](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) and the Biosecurity Hygiene Practices to prevent the spread of EADs on feedlots.

The Guidelines on Guidance document on how to complete an EAD Action Plan provides guidance in filling out the EAD including recommended content for your plan.

The [Preventative biosecurity practices for EAD’s on feedlots](https://7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com/ugd/7c4e35_10e296bf8efd402b955fc1ba2fc99c10.pdf) to prevent the spread of EADs on feedlots outlines transmission pathways for individual diseases to assist lot feeders in implementing the most relevant strategy to protect their feedlots.

# EMERGENCY DISEASE ACTION PLAN

**Prepared by:**

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| **Name of Manager:** | **Date:** |

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| BUSINESS DETAILS | | |
| **Feedlot name:** | | |
| **Feedlot address:** | | |
| **Postal address:** | | |
| **Phone:** | **(Office)** | **(After hours)** |
| **Manager’s Mobile:** |  | **PIC number:** |
| **Email address:** | | |

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| NOMINATED RESPONSIBLE PERSON DETAILS | | |
| **Responsible person’s name:** | | |
| **Phone:** | **(Office)** | **(After hours)** |
| **Email address:** | | |
| **Consulting Veterinarian name and number:** | | |
| **Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) Hotline:** 1800 675 888 | | |

## DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING YOUR EAD ACTION PLAN

Developing your EAD Action Plan is a methodical planning process that provides you with a framework to record your unique arrangements that will help your feedlot minimise the impact and, where possible, likelihood of an EAD spreading onto or off of your feedlot.

A well-developed EAD Action Plan incorporates:

* Site specific risk identification and mitigation.
* Delegated roles to be undertaken by staff before, during and after an EAD incursion.
* Emergency preparedness which includes well-rehearsed response procedures that are understood by staff and other relevant stakeholders.
* Recovery strategies.

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| IMPORTANT |
| **Your EAD Action Plan should be reviewed every 12 months.**  **Where possible staff training and refresher training should be incorporated into the review. It is important that all staff who undertake a role in this EAD Action Plan are aware of their responsibility in the event of an EAD incursion.**  **Business Continuity planning should also be considered when developing this plan, including equipment usage and staffing requirements.** |

**For each heading below, consider the following for inclusion in your plan:**

* What needs to be done, what should be recorded?
* Why is a task necessary? (Understanding should result in better compliance).
* Who is to do it (the person or responsible position — Feedlot Manager, DPI official)?
* How the task to be is performed (the method)?
* When are they to do it (sequence, logical order, degree of urgency)?
* Where is the task to be performed?

# CHECKLIST

**Immediate response checklist.**

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| INCIDENT RESPONSE | ACTIONS TAKEN |
| * Assess the severity of the incident at a national level e.g. is the disease significant likely to have long lasting Impacts. |  |
| * Gather more information as a priority |  |
| * Assess the severity of the incident at the feedlot level. Is the disease in the feedlot? |  |
| * Brief team members on the incident |  |
| * Allocate or revise specific roles and responsibilities |  |
| * Activate staff members and resources |  |
| * Start an event log and enhance record keeping |  |
| * Identify priority activities for the feedlot |  |
| * Keep staff informed |  |
| * Contact key stakeholders |  |
| * Comply with any regulatory/compliance requirements |  |

# PROCEDURES AND ACTIONS

## Incident assessment and communication

##### REFERENCES FOR THIS SECTION:

**INFORMATION**

[**The Australian Lot Feeders Association**](https://www.feedlots.com.au/)[**www.outbreak.gov.au**](http://www.outbreak.gov.au)

[**Emergency Animal Response Agreement**](https://animalhealthaustralia.com.au/eadra/)

[**Animal Health Australia AUSVETPLAN documents**](https://animalhealthaustralia.com.au/ausvetplan/)[**Disease specific document**](https://animalhealthaustralia.com.au/ausvetplan/)

[**Guidance document on how to complete an Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) Action Plan**](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)

**Complete this table for each EAD outbreak.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| INFORMATION REQUIRED | PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SIDE |
| **The name of the emergency animal disease** |  |
| **The species the EAD affects** |  |
| **How the EAD spreads** |  |
| **The location of the EAD** |  |
| **The state/s in which the EAD has been found** |  |
| **The lead agency (the Government department managing the response)** |  |
| **Any movement restrictions or livestock standstills in place** |  |
| **If there are movement restrictions, what biosecurity zone is your feedlot located in? (outside area, restricted area, control area etc)** |  |
| **List any consignments on route to the feedlot** |  |
| **List any consignments to be dispatched from the feedlot** |  |
| **Has initial surveillance been conducted? Has the EAD been found on the feedlot?** |  |

**INFORMATION ASSESSMENT**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Task or Action Required** | **Person responsible** | **How will this be completed** | **Equipment required** | **Notes** |
| **INFORMATION GATHERING** | | | | |
| A procedure is in place to gather specific information relevant at the beginning of an EAD incursion to formulate specific EAD strategies to  prevent the EAD from entering the feedlot. |  | 1. Visit [The Australian Lot](https://www.feedlots.com.au/)  [Feeders Association](https://www.feedlots.com.au/) and www.outbreak.gov.   [au to determine spec](https://www.outbreak.gov.au/)ific information.   1. Gather the appropriate [Disease specific document](https://animalhealthaustralia.com.au/ausvetplan/).   These documents include the disease specific document and the destruction, disposal and decontamination AUSVETPLAN manuals.   1. Complete the information required table in this section. 2. Use the Guidance Document on how to complete an Emergency Animal Disease Action Plan (Step 3) to determine biosecurity practices that can be enhanced to prevent an EAD from entering the feedlot. 3. Locate [Appendix 1](#_bookmark2) of the Guidence Document how to complete a DDD plan and complete the   decontamination practices. |  |  |

**COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF AND STAKEHOLDERS**

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| **Task or Action Required** | **Person responsible** | **How will this be completed** | **Equipment required** | **Notes** |
| **COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF** | | | | |
| A single communi- cation point has been established with  staff ([Appendix 2](#_bookmark3)) to convey the situation and any updates that acknowledge the sensitivity of the information. |  |  |  |  |
| “Other Feedlot Contacts” ([Appendix](#_bookmark4)  [3](#_bookmark4)) such as incoming deliveries, supplies and livestock have been identified  and recorded for communications in [Other Contacts](#_bookmark4) of this  document. |  |  |  |  |

**COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF AND STAKEHOLDERS CONT.**

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| **Task or Action Required** | **Person responsible** | **How will this be completed** | **Equipment required** | **Notes** |
| **COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF** | | | | |
| A communications plan has been established on how to become fully informed and stay up to date with the progress of the response including movement controls. |  |  |  |  |
| The [Staff roles and](#_bookmark1)  [responsibilities](#_bookmark1)  section has been completed and there is a process in place to ensure that staff are aware of their responsibilities under the EAD Action Plan. |  |  |  |  |

**STAFF ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

During an EAD response, roles and responsibilities relating to the care of livestock as well as preventing and responding to the EAD may need to occur simultaneously. The following roles and responsibilities will undertake the below tasks.

*When considering what roles should be assigned the following should be considered to document assigned roles and responsibilities.*

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| **Section of the EAD**  **Action Plan** | **Task** | **Notes** | **Staff Member** | **Staff Role** | **Resource** | **Completed** |
|  | Training on how to identify the EAD | Ensure pen riders know disease signs and symptoms |  |  | [www.Outbreak.gov.au](http://www.outbreak.gov.au/) Training |  |
| 1 | Gather information about the EAD and situation and arrange communications |  |  |  | [www.Outbreak.gov.au](http://www.Outbreak.gov.au)  [The Australian Lot](https://www.feedlots.com.au/)  [Feeders Association](https://www.feedlots.com.au/) |  |
| 1 | Undertaking assigned roles | Ensure everyone knows their roles and responsibilities on the feedlot |  |  | [Roles and](#_bookmark1)  [Responsibilities table](#_bookmark1) |  |

**STAFF ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES CONT.**

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| **Section of the EAD**  **Action Plan** | **Task** | **Notes** | **Staff Member** | **Staff Role** | **Resource** | **Completed** |
| 2 | Determining if the EAD is present in the feedlot | * Conduct surveillance across every pen in a systematic order. * Streamline disease reporting procedures |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Managing livestock in transit | * Cancel all outgoing consignments and address animal welfare concerns. * Perform risk assessments on incoming consignments. |  |  | [Appendix 1](#_bookmark2)  [Appendix 3](#_bookmark4) |  |
| 3 | Enhance Biosecurity Practices | Implement bio exclusion or biocontainment as required (set up foot baths, elevate zoning etc). |  |  | [Guidance document](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)  [of how to complete](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)  [an Emergency Animal](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)  [Disease Action Plan](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) |  |
| 3 | Enhance visitor record keeping |  |  |  | [Guidance document](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)  [of how to complete](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)  [an Emergency Animal](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)  [Disease Action Plan](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) |  |
| 3 | Securing the feedlot |  |  |  | [Guidance document](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)  [of how to complete](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)  [an Emergency Animal](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)  [Disease Action Plan](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) |  |
| 4 | Business Continuity (including livestock and animal welfare) |  |  |  | [Guidance document](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)  [of how to complete](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)  [an Emergency Animal](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)  [Disease Action Plan](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)  Feedlot recovery plan |  |

# PROCEDURES AND ACTIONS

## Managing Livestock

##### REFERENCES FOR THIS SECTION:

[**Animal Health Australia AUSVETPLAN documents**](https://animalhealthaustralia.com.au/ausvetplan/)[**Disease specific documents**](https://animalhealthaustralia.com.au/ausvetplan/)

[**Appendix 1 – Guidance Advice to National Standstill**](#_bookmark2)

**Complete this table for Susceptible Species**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Task or Action Required** | **Person responsible** | **How will this be completed** | **Equipment required** | **Notes** |
| **INITIAL SURVEILLANCE** | | | | |
| A procedure is in place to check all livestock for signs and symptoms of the EAD. |  |  |  |  |
| A procedure is in place to isolate sick or suspect stock. |  |  |  |  |
| A procedure is in place for persons to report signs or suspected signs of the EAD. |  |  |  |  |
| The feedlot has a veterinarian or  suitable trained staff that can identify  the EAD. And take samples if required. |  |  |  |  |
| **MANAGING LIVESTOCK MOVEMENTS** | | | | |
| A procedure is in place to cancel/ review (includes unloading) outgoing consignments that have not left the feedlot yet. |  |  |  |  |

**2. Managing Livestock cont. Complete this table for Susceptible Species**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Task or Action Required** | **Person responsible** | **How will this be completed** | **Equipment required** | **Notes** |
| **MANAGING LIVESTOCK MOVEMENTS** | | | | |
| A procedure is in place to manage livestock that are caught in transit.  This includes communicating the national livestock standstill with  any incoming consignments and performing a livestock in transit risk assessment on incoming consignments to determine if it is  safe for livestock to continue on to the feedlot. |  |  |  | [Appendix 1](#_bookmark2) provided guidance advice to lot feeders in performing a risk assessment. |
| **LIVESTOCK ON THE FEEDLOT** | | | | |
| The feedlot has a procedure to manage livestock numbers  on the feedlot where markets may be limited. |  |  |  |  |
| **LIVESTOCK FEED** | | | | |
| The feedlot has a procedure in place to ensure that all livestock continue to be fed and watered potentially with reduced staffing levels. |  |  |  |  |
| The feedlot has a contingency planning procedure to conduct a stock take of on- hand fodder and available sources of carbon. Time frames on how long a feedlot could remain without ration deliveries should be recorded for planning. |  |  |  |  |

1. **Managing Livestock cont. Complete this table for Susceptible Species**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Task or Action Required** | **Person responsible** | **How will this be completed** | **Equipment required** | **Notes** |
| **LIVESTOCK FEED** | | | | |
| The feedlot has a procedure in place to review ration and fodder delivery schedules and consider practices required to receive deliveries. |  |  |  |  |
| **LIVESTOCK HEALTH AND TREATMENTS** | | | | |
| The feedlot has a procedure in place to perform ongoing livestock health and disease monitoring potentially with reduced staff. |  |  |  |  |
| The feedlot has a procedure in place to undertake mass vaccination of susceptible species on the feedlot. |  |  |  |  |
| The feedlot has a procedure in place to undertake humane destruction (day to day operations). |  |  |  |  |
| **LIVESTOCK MANURE AND EFFLUENT** | | | | |
| The feedlot has a procedure in place to ensure that effluent or manure are adequately treated before moving from the feedlot. |  |  |  |  |

# PROCEDURES AND ACTIONS

## Enhancing Biosecurity Practices to prevent entry of an EAD onto the feedlot

##### REFERENCES FOR THIS SECTION:

[**Animal Health Australia AUSVETPLAN documents**](https://animalhealthaustralia.com.au/ausvetplan/)[**Disease specific documents**](https://animalhealthaustralia.com.au/ausvetplan/)

[**Guidance document of how to complete an Emergency Animal Disease Action Plan**](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2F7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com%2Fugd%2F7c4e35_3fcaabe3b33a454c86c896cf6cdc8bcd.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)[**Preventative Biosecurity Practices for Emergency Animal Disease’s on Feedlots**](https://7c4e35bf-efb8-4787-a961-2ac2315c9ae1.usrfiles.com/ugd/7c4e35_10e296bf8efd402b955fc1ba2fc99c10.pdf)

**Complete this table for Enhancing Biosecurity Practices**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Task or Action Required** | **Person responsible** | **How will this be completed** | **Equipment required** | **Notes** |
| **SECURING THE FEEDLOT** | | | | |
| The feedlot has identified a  designated area that is able to be controlled and secured from preventable disease introduction. |  |  |  |  |
| The feedlot has a procedure to secure the feedlot against transmission from the EAD. |  |  |  |  |
| **LIVESTOCK** | | | | |
| The identified designated area has been secured  sufficiently to prevent EAD spread to all susceptible livestock on the feedlot. |  |  |  |  |
| The feedlot has a procedure to enhance introduction practices of new livestock that prevent disease entry onto the feedlot. |  |  |  |  |

## Enhancing Biosecurity Practices to prevent entry of an EAD onto the feedlot cont.

**Complete this table for Enhancing Biosecurity Practices**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Task or Action Required** | **Person responsible** | **How will this be completed** | **Equipment required** | **Notes** |
| **PEOPLE, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT** | | | | |
| The feedlot has identified a hot and cold zone area and has identified at entry/exit points of these zones for  additional biosecurity practices. |  |  |  |  |
| Where appropriate to the EAD, the feedlot has a procedure to implement level  1 or 2 biosecurity measures to manage cleaning and disinfection of people, clothing, vehicles  and equipment at entry and exit points (especially of staff who have contact with animals outside the workplace). |  |  |  |  |
| Where appropriate the feedlot has  a procedure to implement restrictions of all unnecessary movements of people, vehicles and equipment on and off the feedlot. |  |  |  |  |
| The feedlot has a procedure in place for compiling a documented history of all livestock, personnel (staff, contractors, and visitors including livestock truck drivers, stockfeed delivery drivers, freight services and drivers) and vehicle movements for previous fourteen  (14) days. |  |  |  |  |

## Business Continuity and Recovery

**Complete this table for Business Continuity and Recovery**

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| **Task or Action Required** | **Person responsible** | **How will this be completed** | **Equipment required** | **Notes** |
| **BUSINESS CONTINUINITY AND RECOVERY** | | | | |
| The feedlot has considered longer term procedures for its continued or scaled operations during the EAD  response and beyond. |  |  |  |  |
| The feedlot has considered a recovery plan. |  |  |  |  |

## Managing Infection

##### REFERENCES FOR THIS SECTION:

**Destruction, Disposal and Decontamination Plan Template** [**Decontamination AUVETPLAN manual**](https://animalhealthaustralia.com.au/download/1722)

**Guidance document of how to complete a Destruction, Disposal and Decontamination Plan**

**Complete this table for Managing Infection**

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| **Task or Action Required** | **Person responsible** | **How will this be completed** | **Equipment required** | **Notes** |
| **MANAGING INFECTION** | | | | |
| The feedlot has a documented  Destruction, Disposal and Decontamination Plan in place. |  |  |  |  |
| Where appropriate to the EAD, the feedlot has a procedure to implement level 3 biosecurity measures to manage cleaning and disinfection of people, clothing, vehicles and equipment at entry and exit points (especially of staff  who have contact with animals outside of the workplace).  In the event that the lead agency establishes these protocols, their directions must be followed. |  |  |  |  |

### APPENDIX 1: GUIDANCE ADVICE TO NATIONAL LIVESTOCK STANDSTILL

**IN TRANSIT DEFINITION**

FMD susceptible livestock “in transit” are livestock that are loaded in a livestock transport vehicle (e.g. truck/ trailer; rail car) or under their own motion (e.g. on a stock route) and which are moving in a place other than the place of origin (e.g. private/public road, stock route, rail or domestic air/sea space). Animals that reach their destination are no longer in transit and can be unloaded.

“In transit” does not include other parts of the “journey” including livestock selection, assembly, yarding/ holding or loading livestock on the premises / place of origin. Once livestock are unloaded for spelling, they must not be moved from the premises/place unless under government authorisation.

**OVERVIEW**

Unless advised otherwise, susceptible livestock in transit at the time a national livestock standstill is declared may return to the property of origin or continue to the initial intended destination in accordance with the principles outlined below.

These principles may be superseded by specific jurisdictional CA or RA control measures that may be implemented simultaneously or shortly after the declaration of a national livestock standstill.

The following principles should be used to determine the movement of susceptible livestock to return to the property of origin or continue to the original intended destination. If the risk of disease spread is lower if the journey continues to the initial intended destination than if the livestock return to the property of origin, the animals should continue to the original intended destination.

Where principles cannot be actioned, the relevant jurisdictional government should be contacted.

In the context of a national livestock standstill, aggregation points include locations where animals from multiple source premises would usually be aggregated temporarily before onward movement. This includes feedlots, livestock transfer facilities and scales operations. It excludes locations where animals may be aggregated for destruction or slaughtering (e.g. abattoirs).

*Guiding principles for the management of susceptible livestock in transit (FMD).*

1. Livestock must not cross jurisdictional borders without a permit from the receiving jurisdictional government authorities.
2. Livestock on stock routes should proceed to the nearest location on the route that meets animal welfare needs during the livestock standstill.
3. Livestock should continue to the original intended destination premises (the feedlot) in the following situations:
   1. The intended destination premises is an abattoir.
   2. The transport vehicle is carrying animals from multiple premises of origin to:
4. A single intended destination premises that is not an aggregation point or showground.
5. An aggregation point or showground only if diversion to the most recent pickup premises is not possible.
   1. Where returning to the premises of origin would compromise driver health and safety, transport regulatory compliance, or animal welfare in transit.
6. Livestock should return to the premises of origin in the following situations:
   1. The vehicle is carrying animals sourced from one premises with the intent of delivering consignments to multiple premises (unless all the animals are unloaded only at the next intended destination premises).
   2. The transport vehicle is carrying animals from a single premises of origin and the initial intended destination premises is an aggregation point., showground, export depot or ruminant feedlot.
   3. The vehicle is carrying animals sourced from multiple premises and the original destination is an export depot or ruminant feedlot. In such cases, the animals should be returned to the most recent pick-up point.
   4. The journey commenced from an aggregation point or showground and the initial intended destination premises is not an abattoir.

**OVERVIEW CONT.**

1. If the vehicle is carrying animals from a single premises of origin that is not an aggregation point or showground, to a single initial intended destination premises that is also not an aggregation point, showground, export depot or ruminant feedlot:
   1. Livestock may continue to the original intended destination premises or return to the premises of origin. A risk assessment may assist this decision.
2. If the vehicle is carrying animals from multiple premises of origin to multiple initial intended destination premises:
   1. Livestock may be unloaded at either the most recent pickup premises or the next intended destination premises.
3. Where returning to a premises of origin or continuing to an original intended destination premises in accordance with the principles above is not possible, a case-by-case assessment will be undertaken by the jurisdiction in collaboration with the livestock owner and transporter.
4. Potential alternatives may include;
   1. redirect to an alternate location under the advice of jurisdictional authorities
   2. redirect to an abattoir under the advice of jurisdictional authorities and with prior approval of the processor.

*Irrespective of the decision, significant biosecurity measures upon conclusion of the journey must be applied to minimise the likelihood of disease spread. For animals, these should include isolation of moved animals, surveillance/monitoring for clinical signs, and immediate recording of the movement on the NLIS database. For fomites, this should include decontamination of personnel, vehicles and equipment.*

**CONSIGNMENT RISK ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE**

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| **Question** | **Risk / Consideration** | **Notes** |
| **DISEASE RISK** | | |
| Is the consignment from an area that is suspected of having the disease described in the order?  **Areas that have confirmed cases or suspected cases are considered to be high risk areas.** | Livestock from the area where disease is suspected are considered to be high risk. **Entry should be negotiated with the relevant state authority.**  Livestock not from these areas are considered to be low risk and livestock could be accepted. | **For consignments coming from high risk areas contact your relevant state authority.** |
| Can you obtain sufficient details from the transport operator or agent to confirm the consignments place of origin. | Third-hand information may be incorrect, and the consignment has come from another area.  Once [Appendix 1](#_bookmark2) has been completed, the NVD or vendor should be consulted to confirm where the consignment has travelled from. | **Consignments where their place of travel cannot be confirmed should be considered high risk until further information is available.** |
| Is the consignment coming from or going to another state? | Consignments coming from other states, especially the state or neighbouring states from where the disease is suspected should be considered high risk. | **For consignments coming from or intended for another state contact your relevant state authority.** |

**CONSIGNMENT RISK ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE**

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| **Question** | **Risk / Consideration** | **Notes** |
| **DISEASE RISK** | | |
| Has the consignment travelled through a high risk area? | Consignments that have travelled through an area where the disease is suspected should be considered high risk. | **For consignments coming from interstate, contact your relevant state authority.** |
| **LIVESTOCK WELFARE** | | |
| How long have the livestock been in transit and how close are they to the feedlot? | Livestock that have been in transit may be close to curfew times off water/transit. This may present an animal welfare issue in the near future.  Livestock that have only just left their place of origin may be able to be directed back to that place if that place can feed and care for the livestock in the future. | Livestock that are close to the feedlot from low risk areas should proceed to the feedlot as originally planned. |
| **TRANSPORTER CONSIDERATIONS** | | |
| Does the transport operator have sufficient standard driving hours to complete the request? | A solo transport operator may be close to their standard driving  hours and may need to complete the journey to the feedlot to comply with other legislation. | Transporter operators close to their daily hour allowance with low risk livestock should proceed to the feedlot as originally planned. |
| What route has the transport operator taken? Have they travelled through a high risk area. | Transport operators may have collected a consignment from a low risk area and travelled through an area considered to be high risk. | **For consignments that have travelled through high risk areas, contact your relevant state authority.** |
| If it is possible to turn the consignment back to the place of origin, can the owner adequately care for the stock?  E.g. are they in drought with no feed to provide for returning stock? | Returning livestock back to their place of origin may not be feasible due to external factors. | If returning the stock is not an option and the livestock is considered to be low risk, livestock should proceed to the feedlot as originally planned to consider the welfare of the livestock. |

**IN TRANSIT CONSIGNMENTS RECORD KEEPING (TO FEEDLOT)**

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| **NVD**  **number** | **PIC** | **Traveling From PIC** | **Property Name and location** | **Route taken (does the route go through a high risk area)** | **Are livestock coming from interstate Y/N** | **Livestock type** | **Number of head (separate**  **by sex)** | **Owner** | **Agent** | **Date of scheduled arrival** | **Transport operator** | **Entry into Feedlot accepted (Y/N)** |
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**IN TRANSIT CONSIGNMENTS RECORD KEEPING (FROM FEEDLOT)**

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| **NVD**  **number** | **Traveling to PIC** | **Property Name** | **Property location (town)** | **Livestock type** | **Number of head (separate into sex)** | **Owner** | **Agent** | **Transport operators name** | **Will the movement be completed within 12 hours?** | **Notes** |
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### APPENDIX 2: FEEDLOT STAFF CONTACTS AND COMMAND STRUCTURE

**Complete the following table to identify staff at the feedlot that will be assigned roles during an EAD.**

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| **Staff Member** | **Role** | **Reports to** | **Mobile** | **Email** |
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### APPENDIX 3: OTHER FEEDLOT CONTACTS

**List key feedlot personnel (veterinarians, nutritionists, feed suppliers etc).**

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| **Person** | **Organisation** | **Role** | **Mobile** | **Email** |
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