

NZPork Biosecurity Farm Visit Guidelines

Introduction

This document has been prepared to ensure NZPork staff and key contractors are aware of the expectations regarding biosecurity when conducting farm visits as part of their role with NZ Pork. Please also read the Health and Safety farm visit checklist in conjunction with these guidelines.

Responsibilities

New Zealand Pork personnel visiting the farm are responsible for:

- Contacting the farm and understanding the biosecurity requirements if any prior to arriving on-site;
- Querying the farm if there is any uncertainty around the requirements;
- Declaring all recent pig farm farm visits, contacts with pigs, abattoir visits to the farm management including exact visiting dates;
- Communicating individual farm expectations to contractors and visitors invited by NZ Pork;
- Following the guidelines below.

Each farm will have their own biosecurity plan and requirements. These requirements can vary widely between farms.

Stand down period

The stand-down period may vary from farm. This could range from 0 to 12 days. It is important that you find out the exact stand-down period for the farm you are visiting.

Transportation

Ensure the vehicle has been cleaned thoroughly between farm visits. Once you arrive at the first gate of the farm stop and phone your farm contact or meet at the prearranged time and place. They will advise if you can drive into the farm or if they will come and collect you.

Clothing and shoes

Ensure you wear clean clothes and shoes. There should be no materials (soil, dirt, dust, etc) from a previous farm visit. Some farms may ask that you do not wear any clothing that has been on another pig farm. The NZ Pork office provides disposable overalls and boot covers. Some farms may find this convenient as it will save them washing. However, other farms will require you to wear the clothing and footwear they provide. You may be asked to remove jewellery, watches, hair accessories, phones and cameras.

Some farms may require you to shower before entry and to wear the clothes and boots provided by the farm. When visiting a shower in and shower out facility you will leave your clothes and personnel belongings in the shower area or the storage area provided by the farm. You will be asked to wash your whole body including hair.

Food and drink

Do not take any pork products into the property or take your own food and drink into the farm. It must remain in the vehicle. The farm will provide drinking water. If you have any special

requirements or need to eat regularly for medical reasons then please discuss this with the farm prior to your visit.

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