



ADVISORY

Preparation for PICA declaration

Readers will note that this Advisory has been co-branded and will recognise that as unusual as Advisory's are RTF communication pieces. Each of the entities associated with this Advisory have put their name to it to show support for the message contained within. The co-branding also identifies the parties that have worked collectively and collaboratively on the PICA declaration introduction, design and implementation. The extent of that work involved should not be underestimated and this is a significant step to improving the NAIT system.

The PICA (Person In Charge of an Animal) declaration aspects of the National Animal Identification and Tracing Amendment Bill (No 2) are to come into effect on 14 June 2020.

Industry asked for PICA declarations to be added to the Animal Status Declaration and we have worked with relevant organisations to develop that. A sample of the ASD is attached. This is an editable PDF and is a representation of hard copy ASDs that are being made available to farmers. Undoubtedly, some of you may have seen these already.

OSPRI and farming sector representatives have been very busy advising the farming community of this and their responsibilities. Also attached is a Q & A from MPI. Comments at the top of page 4 are a handy reminder of sector participant responsibilities.

Also attached is a stand-alone PICA declaration. The version attached is editable PDF. Hard copies are also available. This will be used for movements where presenters do not have forms incorporating PICA declarations. There remains a large volume of the old forms (without the PICA declaration) that will be utilised until they are used up. It would have been too costly to dispose of the old forms rather than using them.

With nearly a month before implementation, we suggest livestock transporters communicate with clients and ensure they are aware that livestock will only be carted if the PICA declaration is signed. That is the united message we received from industry and worked to achieve. If the PICA declaration is not signed and transporters are caught carting non-compliant livestock the infringement fee will be \$400 for each animal being transported. Farmers can also be charged an infringement fee.

Following implementation on 14 June, we also advise livestock transporters before travelling to collect stock to ensure if livestock are being accompanied by a hard copy ASD and the PICA declaration has been filled out.

ASDs and stand-alone PICA declaration pads are being made available for transporters and farmers. If transporters ensure the PICA declarations have been correctly filled out before travelling to collect livestock, carrying those pads will be unnecessary. However, they might be carried to cater for "just in case" situations. They can be ordered by calling 0800 482 463.

OSPRI information

In addition, OSPRI recently sent the following to their stakeholders and your clients should have received this as well, so will be well informed of impending changes:

As part of the recent changes to the NAIT Act there are new rules being introduced around the transportation of animals.

These rules come into effect from next month - 14 June 2020.

To ensure farmers and the wider industry are prepared, we have put together the following information and resources for circulating on your respective channels:

- [**New rules for the transportation of cattle and deer**](#)
- [**https://ospri.co.nz/assets/Uploads/050520-RD-EE-NAIT-Nick-Leggett2.mp3**](https://ospri.co.nz/assets/Uploads/050520-RD-EE-NAIT-Nick-Leggett2.mp3)

eASD

The recent Covid-19 lockdown and restrictions have created a sudden increase in uptake of OSPRI's electronic ASD form (eASD), which enables farmers to make an animal status declaration (ASD) online or with a smartphone.

The eASD app currently supports movements of sheep, cattle, and deer from the last farm to slaughter only. Farmers are advised to get in touch with their livestock agent or supplier before registering with eASD.

[**More information and guide to registering for eASD**](#)

OSPRI is actively working on a future-focused eASD solution to support all movement types. For paperless farm-to-farm transport, the sender can fill out an editable online ASD form <https://ospri.co.nz/assets/Uploads/J1438-OSPRI-ASD-Form-March-2020-Web-Interactive-01.pdf>

This must be sent or emailed to the transporter in advance of the animals leaving the farm. The sender must keep copies of all ASD forms that are sent or emailed.

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[**https://ospri.co.nz/news-and-events/news/farmers-signing-up-for-easd/**](https://ospri.co.nz/news-and-events/news/farmers-signing-up-for-easd/)