



# Amendment of Animal Status Declaration

Date: 26 March 2012

## 1. Background

The Animal Status Declaration (ASD) is a mandated form under the Animal Products Act 1999. The purpose of the ASD is to transfer key information about an animal, or group of animals, to the next person in charge, or the processor of these animal(s). For the processor, the information on the ASD is vital for guiding ante-mortem and post-mortem examination, and for determining export eligibility and providing official assurances.

In 2012, introduction of legislation relating to animal identification (NAIT) will mandate that persons in charge of animals (cattle from 1 July 2012, deer from 1 March 2013) have a NAIT number. NAIT has requested MAF (MPI as from 30 April 2012) review the ASD in line with the implementation of this new requirement. The primary sector has also asked that MAF review the ASD to raise awareness, with suppliers, of their obligations under the Animal Welfare Act 1999. Therefore the ASD has been reviewed to ensure it incorporates upcoming requirements for animal identification and to facilitate raising animal welfare awareness.

MAF has taken the opportunity to review all aspects of the ASD to ensure that issues that have been raised since the previous release of the ASD are also clarified and updated.

## 2. Amendment details

The following list of bullet points summarises the major changes:

### ASD front page

- Updating of relevant brands/logos
- Reference entry has been replaced by NAIT number
- Contact details have been expanded to include fax or email
- Address now requires a town or district to be recorded
- Animal history: Q2.3 and 2.4 have been combined
- Johne's Disease vaccination – to incorporate all potential species, the wording has been changed to where applicable rather than species specific.
- Addition of an animal welfare statement relating to obligations under the Animal Welfare Act and applicable of minimum standards as defined in the Codes of Welfare.

### ASD guidelines

- Clarification of record keeping requirements relating to animals bought and sold in saleyards
- Addition of explanatory notes relating to NAIT number.
- Clarification of requirements for herd no or code for cattle and deer
- Clarification relating to animal treatments with respect to animals grazing in vineyards
- Updating of TB status 0800 number





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- Addition of an animal welfare statement and link in the guidelines
- Addition of scanned copies for corrected ASD

### 3. Implementation

This amendment is effective from the date of signing.

The updated 2012 ASD form must only be used **from 30 April 2012**. Existing stocks of the previous version of the ASD (NZFSA version ASD-3/APHC) may continue to be used for 12 months from 30 April 2012.

Amendment authorised by:

[signed]

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