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Queensland Health  
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Queensland Health

Dr Beth Woods  
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Dear Dr Woods

**Approval for farmers and agribusiness workers to move across the Queensland border by air or road for farming and agribusiness – *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 15)***

I, Dr Jeannette Young, Chief Health Officer, have provided an exemption for farmers and agribusiness workers as an exempt class of persons under *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 15)* or its successors, unless amended or revoked, for people entering by air or road:

- a. who are Queensland residents who need to re-enter Queensland after travelling to New South Wales to perform essential agribusiness services for the agriculture supply chain or farming activities; or
- b. who are Queensland residents who need to re-enter Queensland after entering New South Wales to access or provide timely veterinary services, or to provide care for livestock; or
- c. who are New South Wales residents who need to enter Queensland to perform essential agribusiness services for the agriculture supply chain or farming activities; or
- d. who are New South Wales residents who need to enter Queensland to access or provide timely veterinary services, or to provide care for livestock.

**This approval does not apply to workers involved in picking, packing, sorting and meat processing, and does not permit farmers and agribusiness workers to enter Queensland for any other purpose as per the *Border restrictions direction (No. 15)*.**

Please be aware, farmers and agribusiness workers will not be permitted to enter Queensland if they have COVID-19 or, in the previous 14 days prior they have:

- been overseas; or
- had COVID-19; or
- had known contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19; or
- have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, unless cleared by a medical practitioner.

Approval as farmers and agribusiness workers is valid for entry to Queensland until 11:59pm on 31 December 2020. This exemption may be revoked ahead of its expiry if changes in the border control measures render it unnecessary.

When travelling to Queensland, farmers and agribusiness workers do not need to complete a Queensland Border Declaration Pass. Farmers and agribusiness workers may be asked to

complete a hardcopy pass by an Emergency Officer (Public Health) and should indicate that they have an exemption from the Chief Health Officer permitting them to enter Queensland.

They must carry the following documents, and present them if requested by an Emergency Officer (Public Health):

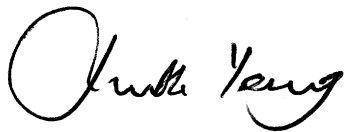
- evidence of their identity confirming their place of residence, for example a driver licence;
- evidence of their employment, contract, property ownership, lease or agistment arrangements.

As an approved class of person, farmers and agribusiness workers:

- a. must travel directly to and from the relevant farm or premises; and
- b. must only exit their mode of transport to access rest stop facilities, refuelling, and activities directly related to their agribusiness activity or to meet required regulation activities such as workplace health and safety or fatigue management; and
- c. may stay at overnight accommodation when necessary in order to fulfil fatigue management requirements; and
- d. who are Queensland residents must remain isolated, to the extent reasonably practicable, from the general public at the agribusiness or farm in New South Wales until the person returns to Queensland; or
- e. who are New South Wales residents must remain isolated, to the extent reasonably practicable, from the general public at the agribusiness or farm in Queensland until the person departs Queensland or for 14 days, whichever period is shorter. They must only remain in Queensland for the time necessary to perform the essential agribusiness or farming activities.

This exemption has been approved based on the Public Health Directions and COVID-19 hotspot declarations in place at the time of approval. It is each farmer's and agribusiness worker's responsibility to review the Public Health Directions and hotspot declarations at the time of their entry to Queensland to determine if they are subject to any amended requirements or obligations.

Yours sincerely



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**Queensland Chief Health Officer**  
**Deputy Director-General**  
**Queensland Health**  
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