

### Compulsory Code of Practice Land Transport of Livestock

On 31 January 2014, the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* was amended to include a compulsory code of practice for transport of livestock.

The code aims to protect the welfare of all livestock being transported. The code reflects national standards and aligns Queensland with other states and territories.

[Click here](#) to view communiqué distributed via HOSS on 6 February 2014.

[Click here](#) to view the Code of Practice.

For further information please contact Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23.

### Biosecurity Regulations Development Update

The Biosecurity Bill 2013 (the Bill) is currently before the Queensland Parliament.

If passed by the Legislative Assembly, the new legislation would not commence immediately. Biosecurity Queensland would first need to review the many current regulations that would be repealed by the Bill and develop a single new Biosecurity Regulation.

Central to the Bill is the general biosecurity obligation. It requires any person who deals with biosecurity matter (a living thing, a pathogen such as a virus, a disease or a contaminant), deals with a carrier of biosecurity matter, or who undertakes an activity that poses or could pose a biosecurity risk to take all reasonable and practical steps to minimise the risk. In this way it extends responsibility for minimising biosecurity risks to all those who can reasonably make a contribution.

The development of the Biosecurity Regulation is an opportunity to realise the Government's commitment to reducing red tape. In some cases, specific provisions about how to meet the general biosecurity obligation may need to be included in the new Biosecurity Regulation due to the nature or seriousness of the risks that need to be minimised. However, Biosecurity Queensland will generally be proposing that prescriptive requirements are kept to a minimum in the Biosecurity Regulation. This will allow community members to use risk mitigation measures best suited to their circumstances and minimise their compliance costs.

To read the full update please [click here](#).



## SUDAN

On 12 February Radio Dabanga reported that about 75 percent of the children in Deleig camp were infected with a mysterious disease affecting children below the age of 12 years, and donkeys.

The symptoms are coughing, vomiting, inflammation in the genitals and sleeplessness.

On 16 February a Deleig camp sheikh reported that 15 children, and 47 donkeys had died.

For more info [click here](#).

### Queensland Horse Council Stand 38 at QSEC Horse Home Show 2014

A big shout out to all those who came to visit our stand and watch our Large Animal Rescue demo at the recent QSEC Horse Home Show.

We had a great time meeting and chatting to lots of folk. Thank you for your support and interest!

**Congratulations to QSEC on a successful event.**

*Right: Check out HOSS working flat out on the job!*



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### REMINDER: Have you used your EMERGENCY PLANNING TACK BOX yet?



The QHC has collated a series of free, short, fact sheets and workbooks into *Emergency Planning Tack Boxes* to assist **horse owners, venue operators and event organisers** to be disaster ready.

Click on the image to view the on-line version. CDs are available on request for \$5 to cover postage and handling. Please email [admin@qldhorsecouncil.com](mailto:admin@qldhorsecouncil.com) if you are interested.



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