



# BOBBY CALF STATUS DECLARATION

1. I/we agree to abide strictly by the Code of Welfare for Dairy Cattle, Transport Code of Welfare (re selection of calves for transport) and Animal Welfare (Care and Procedures) Regulations 2018 as required by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) [www.mpi.govt.nz/calves](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/calves).
2. I/we agree to feed the calves within 2 hours of the notified\* pick up time.
3. I/we agree to record the date and time of last feed.
4. I/we agree to hold these records in a secure place for a period of 2 years for assessment purposes.

\*for the avoidance of confusion the notified pick up time is agreed between processor, transporter and supplier at the start of the 2019 bobby calf season.

**Calves Fit For Slaughter/Transport – MUST BE MORE THAN 4 DAYS OLD, not more than two months old, milk fed only and must have the following attributes:**

- Be **fed** at least half of their daily ration of **colostrum or milk not more than two hours before collection** (this test forms part of the autopsy examination). The stomach must not be concave (sunken).
- Be **healthy** – no visible disease, including scours, any deformity, injury, blindness, contracted tendons or any other disability.
- Eyes should be bright, not dull or shrunken.
- Strong – be able to bear weight on all four limbs – not slow and unsteady. Able to rise from a lying position and move freely around the pen.
- **Hooves** are firm and flat, without unworn, soft tissue.
- **Navel** – dry and withered – not pink/red, raw or fleshy.

**All of these attributes will be investigated as part of any autopsy carried out by the MPI veterinarian at each processing plant.**

I/We acknowledge these tags remain the property of AFFCO New Zealand Ltd and will only be used for the identifications of bobby calves for supply to AFFCO New Zealand Ltd. The information on this declaration must be accurate. If any calf is sent to slaughter while not meeting any of these conditions listed on the Bobby Calf status declaration, I shall immediately inform AFFCO New Zealand Ltd.

**NOTE 1:** Calves treated directly with any antimicrobial agent (e.g. antibiotic or sulpha drugs) must not be submitted for slaughter. Treatment with an approved electrolytic which is labelled to indicate that there is no withholding period is permitted. Calves born to cows treated with Buparvaquone for Theileria are not eligible for slaughter.

**NOTE 2:** Where a pregnant cow has been treated with any animal remedy and calves before the meat withholding period of the product has elapsed, then the calf may not be submitted for slaughter until the cow becomes eligible for slaughter. Calves born to cows treated with Buparvaquone for Theileria are not eligible for slaughter.

**NOTE 3:** Calves may be indirectly exposed to chemical residues if they are fed milk from a treated cow. If calves are exposed to chemical residues via cow's milk, they are not fit for slaughter until after the expiry of the milk withholding period of the cow providing milk. Bobby calves which are fed milk from the vat of "antibiotic milk" must not be submitted for slaughter. Bobby calves which are fed milk from cows that have been treated with Buparvaquone for Theileria and are within the milk withholding period are not eligible for slaughter.

**NOTE 4:** Residue Movement Control: When animals at slaughter are found to exceed the permissible limit for any animal remedy, pesticide or other contaminant, MPI will place the risk source farm under movement control. This prevents the movement of animals off the farm without MPI permit. If your farm come under movement control after you have submitted your seasonal declaration you must inform the slaughter facility before submitting any calves for slaughter.

**NOTE 5:** The Biosecurity (Ruminant Protein) Regulations 1999 make it an offence to feed any ruminant animal with ruminant protein. Any calf that has been fed ruminant protein (such as supplement containing Meat and Bone Meal) is not eligible for use for human food.

**NOTE 6:** AFFCO will also require suppliers to use yellow tags if they appear on the MPI Suspicious Suspended Stock report. TB Status: C= Clear Status, Suspended = if TB suspect or herd not yet tested, I = infected (confirmed TB).

**NOTE 7:** The level of calf mortalities within the industry poses a serious risk and is coming under intense scrutiny from MPI. Where suppliers are deemed to have unacceptable mortality levels identified at plant, they will be notified and if there are repetitive issues they can expect a visit from the MPI Systems Audit team.

**PLEASE SIGN THIS FORM AND RETURN IN THE POSTAGE PAID ENVELOPE ENCLOSED, OR SCAN AND EMAIL TO US AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE**

Office use only

- Date received: \_\_\_\_\_
- GST verification: \_\_\_\_\_
- Direct credit verification: \_\_\_\_\_
- Zone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date tags issued: \_\_\_\_\_
- Collection Docket book number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Freephone: 0800 722 422**

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Private Bag 3301, Hamilton 3240**

# BOBBY CALF UPDATE

2019



## Dear AFFCO Bobby Calf Supplier

The 2019 bobby calf season is getting close. We are looking forward to another successful season and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment to complying with the requirements that have come into effect over the past couple of seasons.

Please take the time to ensure you are fully aware of your compliance responsibilities. If you have any questions or queries please contact your AFFCO buyer, or refer to [www.mpi.govt.nz/calves](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/calves) or [www.dairynz.co.nz](http://www.dairynz.co.nz)

We have reason to celebrate at AFFCO. Since we have been running our Cash for Schools and Cash for Volunteer Fire Brigades scheme, we have donated well over \$1 million to our rural communities. We are very proud of this and you should be, too. We are continuing this scheme for the 2019 bobby calf season. Registering is simple – just nominate your local rural school or volunteer fire brigade on your Bobby Calf Registration/Status Declaration 2019 and we will do the rest.

As an extra thank you for your support, we are offering suppliers who register by 1 May the chance to win one of ten \$1000 travel vouchers so they can enjoy some much deserved rest and recreation once the season is over.

Best regards

Tom Young  
National Livestock Manager



AFFCO will donate 40 cents from every bobby calf you supply, to a local rural primary school or volunteer fire brigade of your choice through our Cash for Schools and Cash for Volunteer Fire Brigades programme.

We have donated well over  
**\$1 MILLION**  
to these fantastic causes.

Simply nominate your rural school or volunteer fire service at the bottom of the Bobby Calf Registration/Status Declaration 2019 and we will do the rest.

*Please note this is a donation by AFFCO and does not come out of your schedule payment.*



REGISTER BEFORE  
1 MAY 2019  
AND GO INTO THE DRAW  
TO WIN ONE OF 10 \$1,000  
TRAVEL VOUCHERS



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# HOW TO GET READY FOR YOUR FIRST COLLECTION

**IMPORTANT:** We cannot accept and process any bobby calves from your property until this form is completed

- 1.** Fully complete the AFFCO Bobby Calf Registration/Status declaration form for each of your properties, checking we have all the correct details. **ESPECIALLY YOUR BANK AND GST NUMBERS (IF THEY HAVE CHANGED PLEASE ATTACH A BANK DEPOSIT SLIP AND VERIFICATION OF YOUR GST NUMBER).**
- 2.** Return it to AFFCO New Zealand Ltd in the freepost envelope provided or scan to [lcs@affco.co.nz](mailto:lcs@affco.co.nz).

## EAR TAG ORDER



Complete the section of the Bobby Calf Registration/Status Declaration form with your seasonal ear tag requirements. Should you require additional tags throughout the season, please contact us.

### Please note:

- **AFFCO ear tags are hand applied and do not require additional tools.**
- **Please check your ear tag delivery bag for your collection schedule and docket book.**
- **Previous season tags can be used if they have not come from another property.**

## AFFCO FLAG



Use your AFFCO Flag at the gate front to indicate to the carrier that you have calves to collect.

- Remove your flag if you no longer have calves for collection.

## COLLECTION



Bobby Calf collection Docket Books\* will be supplied with your tags. You must complete the supplier section and leave the book at the BOBBY CALF PEN, in the bag you received in 2017, until completed by the carrier and then kept for two years. Calves cannot be collected if this is not completed.

\*Please note you can use your last season's docket book until completed. Please advise if you require a bag.

## CALF PENS



As of 1 August 2017 it is a requirement to have suitable shelter and loading facilities to meet MPI regulations. Please refer to [www.mpi.govt.nz/calves](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/calves)

## PAYMENT



- **AFFCO will be paying within 7 days**, inclusive of kill date.
- Payment notifications are available electronically via email. Please ensure you include your email address on the Bobby Calf Registration/Status Declaration form.

## CALF ANIMAL WELFARE REQUIREMENTS



Calves must have the following attributes;

- Be more than four days old and not more than two months of age.
- Be fed at least half of their daily ration of colostrum or milk not more than two hours before transport (this is checked as part of the autopsy examination). The stomach must not be concave (sunken).
- The calf is free from signs from any injury, disease, disability, or impairment that could compromise the calf's welfare during the journey\*.
- The calf is alert and able to rise from a lying position, stand and bear weight evenly on all 4 limbs, move freely and protect itself from being trampled and from being injured by other calves\*.
- The calf's hooves are firm, worn flat, and not bulbous with soft unworn tissue; and
- The calf's navel cord is shriveled and not pink or red coloured, raw, or fleshy.

**\*This does not apply if the owner or person in charge of the young calf has a veterinary declaration that the calf is fit for transport.**

The above welfare requirements are checked by both MPI and the company at each processing plant.

It is important that suppliers communicate with the transport operator to establish the collection time for each property so that the required feeding regime is adhered to.

Should you require additional registration forms for each of your properties you can download these from: [www.affco.co.nz](http://www.affco.co.nz)

### Or contact us:

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