

LORD HOWE ISLAND BOARD POLICY

TITLE	Stock Importation Policy		
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REVIEW	5 years	FILE REFERENCE	PO0001
ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION	<i>Lord Howe Island Act 1953 (NSW)</i> <i>Lord Howe Island Regulation 2014 (NSW)</i> <i>Plant Diseases Act 1924</i> <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> <i>Quarantine Act 1908</i> <i>Veterinary Surgeons Act 1986</i>		
ASSOCIATED POLICIES	LHI Biosecurity Strategy 2015 LHI Biodiversity Management Plan 2007 LHIB Plant Importation Policy & Strategy 2014		

1 Introduction

The Lord Howe Island (LHIB) has developed this policy to regulate the importation of stock to Lord Howe Island (LHI) and to approve applications for the importation of stock under certain circumstances and subject to certain conditions. The development of this policy is in accordance with the provisions of the *Lord Howe Island Act 1953* and the *Lord Howe Island Regulation 2014 (LHI Regulation)*.

2 Policy

- 2.1 Where approval to bring (import) stock to the Island under clause 62 (2) of the *LHI Regulation* is granted, the stock must be imported within six (6) months from the approval being given, otherwise the approval will lapse and a new application will be required.
- 2.2 All stock imported to the island must be certified by a qualified Veterinary Surgeon registered under the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1986*, to have been kept in quarantine and fed weed free fodder for a sufficient period prior to their importation so as to ensure that the animals do not carry weed seed in their systems.
- 2.3 Stock feed is restricted to:
- a) Clean and dried lucerne chaff, wheaten chaff and oats that are hammer milled and packaged;
 - b) Stock feed/hay must be free of soil and pests such as insects, snakes and lizards, cane toads and frogs and seeds or green plant matter; and
 - c) The product must be inspected by the importer on opening for the presence of foreign

material and if identified, immediately reported to the LHIB.

- 2.4 Approval to import and keep stock on the Island will be subject to the owner of the stock ensuring that this policy is complied with.
- 2.5 Failure to comply with the policy will be deemed to be a breach of the conditions of the approval to import and keep stock and may, at the discretion of the LHIB, result in approval to keep the stock on the Island being withdrawn.
- 2.6 Only leaseholders may be permitted to import stock and must demonstrate to the LHIB's satisfaction that they own and have access to adequate land for grazing purposes specific to the stock being imported.
- 2.7 Horses imported to the island must be certified by a qualified Veterinary Surgeon to not include a colt or stallion. If the horse is a gelding it must be certified by a qualified Veterinary Surgeon to be effectively neutered. If the horse is a mare it must be certified by a qualified Veterinary Surgeon to not be in foal.
- 2.8 Application to import sheep must detail which breed of sheep a leaseholder is intending to import and the breed must be approved by the LHIB prior to importation.
- 2.9 Sheep imported to the Island must be certified free from footrot and a certificate (not more than 1 month old) signed by a Veterinary Surgeon must be provided prior to importation.
- 2.10 All other stock imported to the Island must be certified free from Johne's disease, EBL, TB, Brucellosis and internal and external parasites and a certificate (not more than 1 month old) signed by a Veterinary Surgeon must be provided prior to importation.
- 2.11 Stock must be kept in a secured fenced paddock. For cattle an electric fence system must be installed consisting of not less than three (3) strands of pulsed wire. For sheep and alpacas an electric fence system consisting of not less than five (5) strands of pulsed wire, or a strained ring lock or hinge joint fence wire must be constructed.
- 2.12 A moratorium on the importation of sheep and alpacas to the island will be maintained until a rodent eradication program has been completed.
- 2.13 Any clause requiring certification from a Veterinary Surgeon must demonstrate that the Veterinary Surgeon is registered under the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1986* prior to importation of the stock.