

## Declaration of Biosecurity Emergency Areas for Bovine Tuberculosis (*Mycobacterium bovis*) and Bovine Brucellosis (*Brucella abortus*)



This is to inform farmers that any movement of cattle and calves within Fiji is strictly prohibited unless the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF) provides prior authorisation for the movement. This is gazetted and declares whole of Fiji as a biosecurity emergency area for Bovine Tuberculosis (*Mycobacterium bovis*) and Bovine Brucellosis (*Brucella abortus*).

Bovine Tuberculosis and Bovine Brucellosis are both zoonotic disease present in Fiji. Both are major infectious bacterial disease among cattle and thus potential to spread to humans. Therefore, BAF and Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) are working together to control the spread of these diseases which will not be possible without YOUR help.

### **Warning: Biosecurity Is your Responsibility. Heavy Penalties apply**

Pursuant to sections 79(3) and 94 of the Biosecurity Act 2008, any person who contravenes any direction made pursuant to this Declaration commits an offence and is liable to the penalties prescribed under Schedule 5 to the Biosecurity Act 2008:

- Section 79 (3) Breach of emergency declaration: 50,000 fine, 5 month imprisonment and fixed penalty (FP) of 1000.
- FP for a body corporate is 5 times that shown.
- Section 94 prescribes the maximum penalties for all the offences in the Promulgation. These are listed in Schedule 5. Corporations will not be liable to imprisonment but will be liable to higher penalties (Section 97 and 94(3)).

### **What You Can Do**

Contact BAF and MOA staff prior to the movement of cattle. Regularly present ALL your cattle for the testing of Bovine Tuberculosis and Bovine Brucellosis.

## **For Further Information Please Contact:**

Biosecurity Authority of Fiji on 3312512 or

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