# Biosecurity (National Bovine Tuberculosis Pest Management Plan) Amendment Order 2026

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

## Order in Council

At Wellington this 25th day of May 2026

Present:
Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

This order is made under section 100G of the Biosecurity Act 1993—

(a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and

(b) on the recommendation of the Minister for Biosecurity made after being satisfied of the matters in section 100G(1) of that Act.

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## Order

### 1 Title

This order is the Biosecurity (National Bovine Tuberculosis Pest Management Plan) Amendment Order 2026.

## 2 Commencement

This order comes into force on 30 June 2026.

## 3 Principal order

This order amends the Biosecurity (National Bovine Tuberculosis Pest Management Plan) Order 1998.

## 4 Clause 2 amended (Interpretation)

In clause 2(1), insert in their appropriate alphabetical order:

**animal export requirement** means a requirement that a person must comply with in order to do any of the following:

(a) export an animal or germplasm from New Zealand:

(b) import an animal or germplasm into another country:

(c) anything that is necessary to carry out paragraph (a) or (b)

**germplasm** means an embryo, oocyte, ovum, or semen

## 5 Clause 13 amended (Restrictions on testing and treatment of animals)

Replace clause 13(2) and (3) with:

(2) Only the following persons may apply a test to a cattle beast or deer:

(a) an inspector:

(b) an authorised person:

(c) an accredited person:

(d) a person conducting a test on any blood, serum, or tissue in an approved diagnostic laboratory:

(e) a person undergoing veterinary training and acting under the supervision of an authorised person, accredited person, or veterinarian:

(f) a veterinarian—

(i) supervising a person undergoing veterinary training:

(ii) acting in the ordinary course of their profession when diagnosing the cause of illness in an animal:

(iii) who is requested to apply a test that is necessary for a person to comply with an animal export requirement.

(3) A veterinarian must provide to TBfree New Zealand the results of a test applied under subclause (2)(f)(iii)—

(a) in the form required by TBfree New Zealand; and

(b) as soon as is practicable after the test is applied.

Rachel Hayward,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

## Explanatory note

*This note is not part of the order but is intended to indicate its general effect.*

This order, which comes into force on 30 June 2026, amends the Biosecurity (National Bovine Tuberculosis Pest Management Plan) Order 1998 to enable the following persons to apply a test for bovine tuberculosis to a cattle beast or deer:

- a person undergoing veterinary training when acting under the supervision of an authorised person or accredited person (persons appointed under the Biosecurity Act 1993 to carry out certain functions under that Act) or a veterinarian:
- a veterinarian supervising a person undergoing veterinary training:
- a veterinarian who is requested to apply a test that is necessary for a person to comply with a requirement relating to the export from New Zealand, or import into another country, of an animal or germplasm.

The order also requires a veterinarian to provide the results of a test done to comply with an export or import requirement to TBfree New Zealand Limited, the management agency responsible for administering the National Bovine Tuberculosis Pest Management Plan.

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