

COMPULSORY NEWCASTLE DISEASE VACCINATION

As part of the national Newcastle Disease (ND) Control Programme, a notice was published in the Government Gazette on the 22nd of May 2003 under which:

1. commercial flocks being reared for either table egg production or hatching eggs: or
2. layer flocks over 1000 birds or where the flock is less than 1000 birds, the eggs from the flock are sold wholesale or to a retailer or agency: or
3. meat flocks where the birds are destined to be processed in a poultry processing plant licensed under the Meat Hygiene Act 1994.

must be vaccinated with a Newcastle Disease Vaccine, in accordance with the ND Vaccination Programme Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

In addition, no person may introduce into South Australia any poultry destined for use within the commercial poultry industry unless the birds have been vaccinated in accordance with the SOP.

ND vaccine can only be purchased and used on permission of the Chief Inspector of Stock (CIS). To obtain the vaccine, producers will need to apply to the CIS for a permit to purchase.

For further information and permit application forms contact Kim Critchley on 82077908 or the Chief Inspector of Stock on 82077980. The facsimile number is 82077852 and the address is PIRSA, 33 Flemington St, Adelaide SA 5065