Massey University Policy Guide

Veterinary and Farm managers are required to assess associated hazards and implement best practice to reduce the risk from zoonotic organisms to staff and students and to reduce the risk of disease spreading to other animals.

This may include (but is not limited to) veterinary standard precautions for animal handling or diagnostic specimens, protective actions during veterinary procedures, environmental infection control, including a written infection control plan and appropriate facility design standards.

Any inability to implement to requirement containment and hazard control requirements must be advised to Head of School or equivalent and alternative arrangements made for adequate complaint controls or facilities.

Hazard controls

All human or animal blood, bodily fluids or tissues is to be regarded as infectious or pathogenic, even if screening processes are applied in the collection.

All work with potentially infectious or pathogenic samples must follow standard precautions or equivalent infection control measures to minimize risk to staff, students and laboratory organisms.

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All work with animals shall be treated as potentially hazardous, hazard control measures must be applied reflective of the particular hazards associated with the animal, the procedure, environmental conditions and the facilities involved.

Controls may also be applied by resource management act 2003, animal welfare act 1999 or the Biosecurity act 1993. Acquisition of a condition caused by an infectious, pathogenic or zoonotic organism work with animals shall be/c6 284.7 Tm0 g0 G[fc2g.38us6(i)fed)3()-ac000(pl)6F2 1()]TJpge-4(ard)10

Related documents

Legislation

- Biosecurity Act 1993
- Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
- Resource Management Act 2003
- Animal Welfare Act 1999
- New Zealand Nuclear Free Zone, Disarmament, and Arms Controls Act 1987
- Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992
- Health (infectious and notifiable diseases) notification regulations 2016

Legal Compliance

• SS:8, New Zealand Nuclear Free Zone, Disarmament, And Arms Controls Act 1987 prohibits manufacture, storage, acquiring or possessing, or controlling any biological weapon.

Related Procedures

- Restricted Organisms and Biological Products Procedure
- Genetically Modified Organisms Procedure