

Overseas Travel - Risk Assessment

1 When visiting farms overseas



Check the country's/region's biosecurity status, and if a stand down period applies

If you have recently arrived from NZ or another country, check the country's official Government guidance and requirements on whether a stand down applies before going on-farm.



Minimise exposure to and contact with animals while travelling

Avoid going on-farm if not necessary for the purpose of your visit.



Minimise the need to bring PPE or equipment

Be prepared and check ahead of time to confirm if there is any on-farm PPE or equipment that can be used to reduce risk.



Follow all visitor and biosecurity instructions during any farm visit

- Avoid any areas of the farm that are not necessary for the purpose of the visit, particularly high-risk areas like calf sheds during calving
- Avoid handling any animals on-farm if possible

2 Before departure to NZ



Self-reflection and assessment

Did you

- See anything unusual on-farm during your overseas trip?
- Come into contact with, or become contaminated with risk items (animals and their faeces, blood, saliva etc)?



Leave behind as much PPE and equipment overseas as possible

- If you have used farm provided PPE (footwear, overalls etc.) ensure these are left at the sites you visited overseas.
- If you use your own PPE or equipment, consider leaving it behind and buying new items when back in NZ.



Thoroughly clean equipment, footwear, personal effects and clothing before departure

After any farm visit and before departure

- Spray and wipe down any equipment and personal effects (i.e. mobile phones) that may have been contaminated.
- Remove any dirt/organic matter from footwear, and wash and disinfect footwear and PPE.
- Clothes should be washed (recommend hot wash cycle) and dried before departure, or as soon as possible on arrival.

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3 On arrival to NZ



Declare any farm or animal contact on your arrival card

Follow MPI staff instruction and guidance on arrival.

- Declare if you have been in contact with livestock.
- If you visited a farm overseas, ensure your footwear, clothing, and equipment is clean before departure.



Observe a 7 day stand down period before visiting a NZ farm

Stay away from farms and livestock for a period of 7 days after your arrival to NZ, particularly if you have arrived from a FMD country and have been in contact with FMD susceptible animals (e.g. farmed or wild cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, deer, llamas, alpacas)

When visiting farms remember to...



STOP

Have I

- travelled overseas recently?
- followed the full standdown period needed?
- considered my biosecurity risks?
- checked what the farm's biosecurity requirements are?



CHECK

- Have I signed in?
- Am I following the farm's biosecurity requirements and instructions?
- Do I have the correct PPE?



CLEAN

- Have I followed the clean on and off processes for the farm?



REPORT

- Have I spotted anything unusual?
- Have I reported it to the farm manager/ host?