



# Movement Restriction Losses

## *Mycoplasma bovis* Response

### Can I claim compensation for my losses?

You may be eligible for payment of compensation if the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has exercised powers under the Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act) as part of the *Mycoplasma bovis* (M. bovis) Response. MPI's direction has caused you to incur a verifiable loss due to movement controls imposed on your farm and/or stock, which has disrupted business-as-usual activities.

All claims are assessed on a case-by-case basis, but some examples of situations where you might have incurred a loss due to movement restrictions might include:

- Movement restrictions placed on your stock, meant that they had to spend longer in the field than usual and resulted in them damaging the paddock. Such cases should first be discussed with your Incident Control Point (ICP) manager. You may be able to agree with your ICP manager to get quotes to repair the paddock back to the state it would have been in had there been no movement restrictions imposed.
- Movement restrictions placed on your stock meaning that stock had less space and pasture for grazing as they would normally have been moved to other pastures. This may have resulted in them producing less milk than usual - see FAQ on lost milk production. The loss of income from the lower milk production may be able to be claimed as compensation.
- Movement restrictions placed on your stock meaning that stock had less space and pasture for grazing, as they would normally have been moved to other pastures. This resulted in them not fattening up as much as usual - see FAQ on lost beef production. The

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loss of income from the lower beef production may be able to be claimed as compensation.

### How do I claim compensation?

You will need to complete and submit a **compensation claim form**. This form is available either from your ICP manager, on the MPI webpage or by contacting the MPI compensation co-ordinator. We'll be happy to email it to you.

Once you've completed it, you can email it along with your supporting evidence, or send it in via post or courier to MPI's compensation team. The information verifies the value of the loss you have incurred.

Examples of this supporting material include the following:

- Financial statements for the previous three years showing your 'business as usual' expenses and income with respect to milk/beef production, compared to activity for the time you were affected by the NOD.
- Contracts for milk/beef production (where relevant).
- Paid invoices for the cost of repairing or regenerating pastures.
- Description of what happened as a result of MPI's exercise of power. This could include what time of year, how the event occurred and any seasonal impact.

### How do I minimise my loss?

In your claim form, we also ask you to give us details that demonstrate what reasonable steps, under the circumstances, you have considered or taken to reduce or avoid any ongoing loss.

We recommend you talk with your ICP manager or farm adviser to identify alternative ways you can reduce loss. This may include actions you considered in order to recover your business operations back to 'business-as-usual'.

## Who can claim and who is paid compensation?

You must provide documentation to support that you are the legal owner of the property or goods that were affected by movement restrictions as a result of MPI's exercise of powers.

MPI will pay the legal owner if they are assessed to be eligible.

Claims for losses caused by movement restrictions have a number of variables that need to be taken into account, consequently they can only be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

## When can I make a claim?

You can claim compensation from the date the movement restriction powers were exercised by MPI, or within ONE YEAR of this date that verifies the loss (MPI will only accept late claims in exceptional circumstances).

## When will I be paid?

The average compensation claim process is 25-30 working days. Each claim is different and some are complex and require more time.

## What happens during the assessment process?

Losses due to movement restrictions vary in their complexity and include many different variables. Each claim has its own circumstances and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. MPI is unable to pre-determine the outcome of any assessment until it is completed.

## Can I make more than one claim?

Yes. You can combine your like with like losses into one claim or make separate claims for particular losses.

If you incur further losses after being paid compensation, you can make additional claims. All claims must be received by MPI within ONE YEAR of incurred loss.

## Process

Once MPI has received your application form and all the supporting evidence we will begin the process of assessment and seeking approval of the decision to pay you. You will be contacted as soon as the decision has been made.



In some instances, we might need to contact you for further information if this is missing.

## Next steps - checklist

- Completed Claim Form
- Signed the Statutory Declaration
- Attached supporting documentation and evidence
- Additional information that explains your circumstances

## Contact and Information

**For general information** about compensation under Section 162A of the Biosecurity Act 1993 or for a copy of the compensation claim form, contact:

Tel: 0800 00 83 33

Email: [compensationcoordinator@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:compensationcoordinator@mpi.govt.nz)

Website: [www.mpi.govt.nz/bovis](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/bovis)

Post: Ministry for Primary Industries

Attention: Compensation Coordinator

PO Box 2526, Wellington 6140

**For help with writing your claim**, contact:

DairyNZ, Beef + Lamb Compensation Assistance Team (this is a free service for affected farmers):

Tel: 0800 32 22 81

Email: [dbcats@BeefLambNZ.com](mailto:dbcats@BeefLambNZ.com)

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