



**** *Mycoplasma bovis* surveillance****

Dear Clients,

For the purpose of establishing the prevalence and spatial distribution of *Mycoplasma bovis*, MPI has asked all animal health laboratories nationwide to supply all milk samples to MPI AHL, Wallaceville, under s 121(2) of the Biosecurity Act 1993. All milk samples we have received from you in the past two weeks and all those received from now on will be forwarded to MPI for PCR screening per this request.

If you have suspect cases you would like to report, please contact the MPI Exotic Pest and Disease Hotline (0800 80 99 66) as usual. MPI has assigned a veterinarian to investigate all suspect *M. bovis* calls. Calls will be triaged and investigated as per MPI's usual system. They are very keen to hear about any cases that might fit the disease, as they are still trying to determine how long it has been in New Zealand.

If you have routine milk samples for mastitis testing, please send them to us as you normally would, and ensure a clinical history is provided with the submission. All future samples received will also be forwarded to MPI once we have completed your requested testing (until further notice).

Your client details will be kept confidential within MPI.

If you have any questions or are uncertain about any cases you have, please call MPI in the first instance or your local Gribbles Veterinary laboratory.