

# Weed hygiene declaration

## Part 1: Sale or supply of things

(Examples of 'things' include fodder, grain, seed, livestock, gravel, sand, soil, mulch, packing material, machinery, vehicles or water)

This declaration is valid for supplying the thing/things specified below from  to  (please provide dates)

1. Thing (please tick the relevant box and provide a brief description)

Fodder  Grain/seeds  Sand/gravel  Machinery  Mulch  Livestock  Other

Amount   
(e.g. weight, size of load, number of items)

Description   
(e.g. cattle, hay, dozer)

2. Has the thing been moved through, stored in, come from, or used in a place infested with:

	Yes	No	Maybe
Parthenium			
Giant rat's tail grass, American rat's tail grass, giant Parramatta grass, Parramatta grass			
Prickly acacia			
Other (provide details)			

3. If you answered 'yes' or 'maybe' in question 2, then what actions have been taken to remove or ensure that there is no weed reproductive material\*? (please tick the relevant boxes and specify steps taken)

\*Please refer to the definition of 'weed reproductive material' in the explanatory notes.

Nil  Washing/cleaning  Quarantine period  Chemical treatment  Certified clean  Other

Steps taken

4. To the best of my knowledge the thing described above still contains a weed listed in question 2 above.

Yes	No	Maybe

I,  of

town  state  telephone

declare that the information that I have provided in this declaration is true and correct and I have read the accompanying explanatory notes before completing this declaration.

Signature  Date

## Part 2: Transport of contaminated things

(Vehicle' includes anything used for carrying any thing or any person by land, water or air, and includes equipment or machinery capable of moving on land)

This declaration is valid for transport and movement of vehicles and other things from  to  (please provide locations)

1. Movement of vehicles—The vehicle described as: make

registration no. or engine/frame no.  was clean\* prior to entry to  (destination)

\*Please refer to the definition of 'clean' in the explanatory notes.

2. Transport of contaminated things—If you are transporting anything contaminated or possibly contaminated with any declared weed, what actions are being used to contain the weed reproductive material?

Nil  Covered with tarpaulin  Enclosed within container  Chemically treated  Other

Actions:

I,\*  of

town  state  telephone

\*If same as Part 1 please write 'as above'

declare that the information that I have provided in this declaration is true and correct and I have read the accompanying explanatory notes before completing this declaration.

Signature  Date

## Explanatory notes

This declaration was developed in response to landholders, rural industry, community and government desire to minimise the impact of weeds on their business and on the environment. It has been developed to assist in preventing the spread of weeds and other contaminants, and to meet the requirements of section 45 of the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002*. A completed declaration provides information on the status of a 'thing', whether it is contaminated or free of weedy material. 'Part 1: Sale or supply of things' of the declaration should be completed by the supplier then given to the receiver before they receive the thing. The receiver can then make an informed decision and take precautions to prevent new infestations. It can also provide written assurance that a vehicle is clean before entering a property.

### Why use this declaration?

This declaration can provide:

- a supplier with a way of meeting the requirements of section 45 (2) of the Act, if they are supplying any thing that is or could be contaminated with the weeds listed below
- a person obtaining a thing with information on whether the thing is clean of weed reproductive material or has been infested
- assurance that a vehicle was clean\* prior to entry onto a property
- assurance that any contaminated or potentially contaminated thing is being moved so as not to spread the contaminant
- assurance that a product is free of other weedy reproductive material.

Section 45 of the Act makes it an offence to supply a thing that is contaminated with a Class 1 weed or any of the Class 2 weeds listed below. However, for the Class 2 weeds, a person does not breach section 45 if they provide a written notice (Part 1 of this declaration) that states that the thing is or may be contaminated. The written notice must be filled and given to the receiver before the thing is supplied.

### List of Class 2 species

The following Class 2 pests are prescribed in section 45(1)(b) of the Act. These weeds are readily able to infest a wide range of products, from livestock to grain and vehicles. These weeds have a major effect on pasture production and have the capacity to invade large areas of Queensland.

Common name	Species
American rat's tail grass	<i>Sporobolus jacquemontii</i>
Giant Parramatta grass	<i>Sporobolus fertilis</i>
Giant rat's tail grass	<i>Sporobolus pyramidalis</i> and <i>S. natalensis</i>
Parramatta grass	<i>Sporobolus africanus</i>
Parthenium	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>
Prickly acacia	<i>Acacia nilotica</i>

Across Queensland, isolated outbreaks of declared plants such as those listed above are found on properties and roadsides each year. Outbreaks of these declared plants are often located hundreds of kilometres from core infestations. These outbreaks occur as a result of machinery, livestock, vehicles, fodder, grain, material and equipment contaminated with weed seeds being transported across the state. A high percentage of seed from prickly acacia and giant rats tail grass remains viable after being eaten and excreted by cattle.

### \*Definitions

#### Clean:

- For vehicles, machinery and equipment, clean means that no soil and/or organic matter that may contain weed reproductive material is on or in areas that are accessible during cleaning and maintenance work. A checklist and guidelines that show areas that are required to be clean are available at [www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au](http://www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au)
- A vehicle is considered to remain clean if it leaves its point of origin clean and only travels on sealed roads or well-maintained unsealed roads.
- For livestock, clean means that animals are internally and externally free of the reproductive material of any declared plant listed in the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Regulation 2003. If livestock are suspected to be infested with a declared weed, then they should be quarantined within a weed-free paddock or pen for a 14-day period.

**Weed reproductive material** means any part of the plant that is capable of producing another plant by sexual or asexual reproduction. Examples include seeds, bulbs, rhizomes, tuber, stem or leaf cutting and the whole plant.

**Well-maintained unsealed road** means roads that do not have vegetation growing on or encroaching onto the area occupied by traffic.

For further information, please contact Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23.

