



Key services

The types of businesses that will be permitted to operate include (but are not limited to the following):

- Livestock and primary produce transporters
- Veterinary service providers
- Feed/Fodder transporters
- Feed and supplement manufacturers, processors, suppliers and stores
- Manufacturers and distributors of animal medicines
- Pet shops and services (for delivery only, or to care for animals kept in store)
- Marine farming hatcheries, and suppliers of gear used in marine farms and fishing (eg ropes, nets, float manufacture, installation and maintenance to maintain marine farm crop lines)
- Animal control
- Workers caring for animals including fish, in containment
- Rural contractors who are providing essential services that cannot be deferred over the next four weeks, especially for animal welfare purposes (artificial insemination technicians and suppliers of genetic material; stock agents managing and directing stock movements; winter re-grassing for feed; fertiliser supply and application; shearing where necessary for animal welfare)
- Fertiliser manufacture and distribution

MPI wants to ensure the supply of critical goods and services to food and beverage, packaging, production and processing businesses during the Level 4 Alert. Those goods and services **must be essential during the Level 4 alert** or be vital to the ongoing operation of the primary industry essential service e.g. would cause significant disruption in the weeks after the Level 4 alert if not provided now.

Businesses who supply such critical goods or services should register on the MPI website. They should keep operating and are expected to already have health procedures in place.

Please note MPI continues to work with the sector regarding the types of businesses that will qualify as essential suppliers for food processing, packaging, production and animal welfare needs.

The operators who provide occasional goods and services to the sector – for example a mechanic – do not have to register with MPI and should only be used by essential services where **absolutely critical**.

Forestry operators and businesses are not considered essential services during a Level 4 alert except for those providing critical goods or services into other essential services (e.g. packaging, power generation).

At all times, employers should make decisions that protect the safety of the staff and the public. If that cannot be achieved then operations should close for the duration of the level 4 alert.

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