



# SADA UPDATE



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## COVID-19 Industry Update

### SA/VIC BORDER

The transition period for the Emergency Management (Cross Border Travel No 11) (COVID-19) Direction which came into effect last Friday has now elapsed. A subsequent Emergency Management (Cross Border Travel No 12) came into effect at 12:01am on Friday 21 August 2020 which amended the Cross-Border Community Member exemption category. The current status of border permits relevant to the dairy industry is outlined below. Also, view frequently asked questions here.

**Cross Border Community Member Essential Travellers** - Cross Border Community Members that travel to or from Victoria are no longer permitted unless for the following reasons:

- undertaking agriculture or primary industry work;
- undertaking year 11 or year 12 high school education; or
- transporting by private vehicle a person undertaking year 11 or 12 to or from their school.

**COVID-19 Testing Requirements** - Changes have been made to include Seasonal workers in the list of travellers that must have a COVID-19 test within the last 7 days and must produce evidence to an authorised officer if requested. Commercial transport and freight providers continue to be subject to the same requirement without change. All other Essential Travellers are still required to be tested on day one and twelve upon entering South Australia.

**Risk Mitigation Plans** - There are no changes to this requirement. Individual specialist workers can enter South Australia if their employer is applying risk mitigation strategies during periods of work in accordance with a risk mitigation plan relating to COVID-19 approved by the Department of Health and Wellbeing.

**COVID Marshal Requirements** - As of the 21 August 2020 a COVID Marshal is a person who must supervise prescribed operations. The 'prescribed operations' relevant to the dairy industry include: distribution centres (including associated transport operations), and retail operations (for example factory or farm shops).

### Tips for applying;

- If someone has had their Cross Broder Travel application rejected by SAPOL, it is likely that they need to fill out the SA Health Risk Mitigation Plan first, if you are needing a sample of this, please contact the office for further assistance, this will then need to be sent to the Assessment Team at SA Health for approval. [HealthExemptions.Covid19@eso.sa.gov.au](mailto:HealthExemptions.Covid19@eso.sa.gov.au)
- Once approved attach this to your Cross Border Travel application to SAPOL. Remember these applications are being sent through to a central office and assessed by SAPOL staff without strong knowledge of agriculture.  
<https://www.police.sa.gov.au/online-services/cross-border-travel-application>
- Focus on providing as much detail as possible in your application regarding both why cross-border travel is necessary and the service cannot be otherwise procured, and the measures being taken to control the risk associated with cross-border travel by the business.  
For information regarding Primary Industries and COVID-19, including all past industry updates, please visit PIRSA's COVID-19 Primary Industries Portal. For the most recent information on SA's response to the Coronavirus pandemic visit [www.sa.gov.au/COVID-19](http://www.sa.gov.au/COVID-19).