# **ESSENTIAL WORKER CERTIFICATION**

# **Production and transport of goods or supplies or travel to work in essential food production and distribution**

**This document certifies that the bearer is carrying out a duty related to the production or distribution of dairy foods, a sector that has been designated as an essential service, the continued operation of which is vital for security, the economy, national public health, and safety and is therefore is permitted to travel for the purposes of said distribution or to attend work.**

As declared publicly by Australian Commonwealth Agriculture Minister David Littleproud on 25 March 2020:

“*The Commonwealth is guaranteeing food production and supply as we deal with the [COVID-19] virus’s spread.*

“*Feeding our nation is an essential service. That means State-imposed border shutdowns will not affect agricultural supply chains.*

*“Maintaining food production, access to workers, agricultural supply lines, transportation and logistics is absolutely critical and will not be affected by any of the measures aimed at curbing the virus’s spread.”*

National containment measures and associated travel restrictions and state border closures\* exempt:

1. Regular milk collection across borders
2. Movement of farm and manufacturing inputs - including stock feed, chemicals, packaging
3. Employees who cross borders between home and work
4. Contractors engaged in the provision of essential services, maintenance or other projects to maintain the operations of businesses involved in production and distribution of dairy products across the supply chain

Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF), Australian Dairy Products Federation (ADPF) and Dairy Australia have developed a detailed list of critical inputs and services required to maintain on farm dairy production and processing of milk into dairy products for consumption. This list has been used to inform the check boxes listed on the right of this document. See full list at [www.dairyaustralia.com.au/c19](http://www.dairyaustralia.com.au/c19).

Should you need to verify the role of this individual in dairy food production and distribution, please use the contact details provided below.

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| Certified by:  *[Employer/Company representative]* |  |
| Contact phone: |  |
| Vehicle license plate or food business licence identifier: |  |

\*Note – some states require forms to be completed for crossing borders. See [www.dairyaustralia.com.au/c19](http://www.dairyaustralia.com.au/c19) for more info.