

LIVE EXPORT VESSEL "AL MESSILAH"

Update 18 August

Key points

- The health and welfare of the sheep on the vessel continues to be fully satisfactory.
- Repairs were underway on the vessel but the owner has now decided to unload the sheep on 19 August and move them directly to a nearby feedlot that is an AQIS-approved registered facility s47G(1)(a) s47G(1)(a)
- The vessel is moving to an inner berth on 18 August.
- It is planned for the sheep to commence unloading on 19 August.
- The sheep will then commence to move progressively to the feedlot over the next 2-3 days.
- The sheep will be held under quarantine conditions at the feedlot pending their re-export or slaughter for processing within Australia.
- The department is coordinating the supervision of the unloading and supervision under quarantine at the feedlot with the South Australian government.
- There have been 234 sheep mortalities (to 17 August) which represents 0.35 per cent.
- This level of mortality lies within normally experienced bounds, and is not unexpected.
- There is continuing high level of media interest.
- There are local complaints regarding the smell from the vessel. This is due to the normal build up of sheep manure on the vessel.