



EXPORT ADVISORY NOTICE – 2008-09			25 September 2008
Title:	Additional conditions for the export of sheep to the Middle East on open – two tiered decks.		
Species:	Sheep		
Country:	All	File No.	2008/01295
Relevant to:	Livestock Exporters Livecorp AQIS Regional Managers AQIS Live Animal Exports Officers		

Purpose

This EAN replaces EAN 2008-06.

To advise exporters of the space requirements for sheep exported on open – two tiered decks to the Middle East on vessels up until the end of October 2008.

Instructions

To assist with the management of heat stress in sheep exported to the Middle East, AQIS will be placing additional space requirements on open decks with two tiers of sheep. Enclosed decks and single tiers will not be affected at this stage.

At the time of the approving the Notice of Intention and Consignment Risk Management, AQIS will consider adding conditions for sheep transported on open – two tiered decks as follows:

- a. All two tier open decks are stocked at the following reduced density until the end of October 2008 - 5% Red Sea 10% Persian Gulf destinations [Referred to as Default A] – however within this period:
 - i. If total sheep mortalities on two tiered open deck/s are above 1.2% and the likely cause of mortalities was "Heat Stress" then the following voyages on that vessel up to the end of Oct revert to Default B Red Sea - 10% or 15% Gulf (this applies only to vessels that don't have open single decks as a comparison) ;or
 - ii. If total sheep mortalities on two tier open deck/s are above a 1.2% mortality, and a likely cause of mortalities was "Heat Stress" and the exporter can provide data confirming that the mortality rate for the sheep on the two tiered open deck was better than the one tier open deck/s on the same voyage, ie two tier 1.5% compared with one tier 1.6% on the same voyage then there will be no follow up action taken. However, if

the mortality result on the two tier open deck/s is worse than the one tier open deck/s, then the subsequent voyages on the two tiered open decks on that vessel up to the end of Oct will revert to Default B.

- iii. If the exporter's consignment mortality rate is above 2%, AQIS will conduct an investigation into the event and implement appropriate interim measures on subsequent exporter consignments where required.

Consignments to Saudi Arabia are stocked in accordance with the Saudi Arabian import requirements (10 % space above the ASEL).

AQIS is not placing additional space requirements for sheep transported in enclosed decks or single level open decks via the Red Sea or Persian Gulf. These classes of livestock will need to be loaded at a rate specified in the ASEL and the HSRA model.



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