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Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

EXPORT ADVISORY NOTICE – 2008-10		10 December 2008	
Title:	Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock Version 2.2		
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Relevant to:	Livestock Exporters Registered Premise Operators AQIS Accredited Veterinarians (AAVs) Livecorp AQIS Regional Managers AQIS Live Animal Exports Officers AQIS Livestock Exporter and Registered Premise Operator Auditors		

PURPOSE

- To inform livestock exporters and registered premise operators that the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL) has been updated to Version 2.2.
- ASEL Version 2.2 is currently available on the department's website at www.daff.gov.au/livestockexportstandards. A summary of the changes has also been attached to this notice.
- All exporters and registered and premise operators must comply with ASEL version 2.2 from 1 February 2009.

INSTRUCTIONS

Amendments to Livestock Exporters Operations and Governance Manuals and Registered Premises Operations Manuals

All livestock exporters and registered premise operators will need to amend their manuals before 1 February 2009 to comply with ASEL Version 2.2. Livestock exporters and registered premise operators must inform AQIS in writing once all necessary changes have been made. Amended manuals do not have to be supplied to AQIS at this time. Written confirmation of the amendment should be sent to:

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AQIS will check that manuals comply with ASEL 2.2 during its routine audits of livestock exporters and registered premise operators after 1 February 2009. Amended manuals will also be checked at the time of renewal of export licences and registered premises.

Consignments Scheduled for Export After 1 February 2009.

All consignments scheduled for export after 1 February 2009 must be prepared in accordance with ASEL version 2.2.

AQIS will not approve any NOIs scheduled for export after 1 February 2009 unless Livestock Exporters and Registered Premise Operators has advised AQIS in writing that their operations and governance manuals and operation manuals have been updated in accordance with ASEL Version 2.2.

All Notice of Intension to Export (NOI) forms submitted for exports post 1 February 2009 will need to reference compliance with ASEL 2.2.


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Changes made to the Version 2.1 Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock to form Version 2.2 Standards.

Standard 1 – Sourcing and on-farm preparation of livestock

Change	Standard	Wording	Notes
Addition	S1.7 – category-head	except in approved NOI and CRMP	Amended to be consistent
Addition	S1.8e	alpacas must be from condition scores 2 to 4 on a scale of 1 to 5.	New information
Amended	S1.9c)i) - footnote	A competent pregnancy tester is a person accredited by the Northern Territory or Western Australian Government for the state in which the pregnancy test was performed.	Western Australian Government now has the ability to accredit lay pregnancy testers.
Addition	S1.13A	Alpacas and llamas sourced for breeding must only be sourced for export if they have been pregnancy tested using ultrasound within thirty (30) days of export and certified, by written declaration, by a registered veterinarian with demonstrable current experience in camelid pregnancy diagnosis, to be not more than a maximum of two hundred and twenty eight (228 +/- 2) days pregnant at the scheduled date of departure.	New information
Amended	S1.15a)	for cattle, if the horns are 12 cm or less in length and tipped (blunt);	The word tipped (blunt) has been included.
Deletion	S1.16	Horned sheep or rams must only be sourced for export as slaughter and feeder animals if the horns:	Goats have been removed from this standard because they are now included in

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		<p>(a) are not turned in so as to cause damage to the head or eyes;</p> <p>(b) would not endanger other animals during transport;</p> <p>(c) would not restrict access to feed or water during transport; and</p> <p>(d) are one full curl or less, or are tipped back to one full curl or less.</p> <p>Otherwise, horned sheep or rams must only be sourced for export with the approval of the relevant Australian Government agency.</p>	S1.17
Addition	S1.17	<p>Horned goats must only be sourced for export as slaughter and feeder animals if the horns:</p> <p>a) are not turned in so as to cause damage to the head or eyes;</p> <p>b) would not endanger other animals during transport;</p> <p>c) would not restrict access to feed or water during transport; and</p> <p>d) Are no more than 15cms long and blunt or are no more than 22cm long with tips no more than 20cms apart.</p> <p>Otherwise, horned goats must only be sourced for export with the approval of the relevant Australian Government agency.</p>	New information
Addition	Appendix 1.1 - Table A1.1.4	New alpaca body condition score table	New information

Standard 2 – Land Transport of Livestock

Change	Standard	Wording	Notes
Amended/ addition	S2.10e	<p>i. Cattle lacking horns can be mixed with cattle with horns up to 12cm in length and tipped (blunt);</p> <p>ii. Sheep lacking horns may be mixed with sheep with horns up to</p>	<p>Sheep, goats, cattle and buffalo with horns (within specification) can be mixed with sheep, goats, cattle and buffalo lacking</p>

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		one curl in length and of such a shape as not to cause eye damage; <i>iii.</i> Goats lacking horns may be mixed with goats with horns up to 22cm in length.	horns. Cattle with horns must be tipped.

Standard 3 – Management of livestock in registered premises

Change	Standard	Wording	Notes
Deletion	S3.7d	deleted	Deleted because trough use for cattle is optional currently (inattention and failure to adapt to pelleted feed during an export journey, while a problem for sheep exports, is not a recognised problem for cattle exports. The limitation for holding capacity will remain as the area available.
Deletion	S3.9	unless the sheep are part of an agreed trial	The Animal Ethics Committee approval for this trial has expired.
Addition	Appendix 3.1	except in approved NOI and CRMP	Amended to be consistent
Addition	Table A3.1.2	For sheep: wool longer than 25 mm, unless approved by the relevant Australian Government agency based on an agreed heat stress risk assessment model or it has been included in an approved NOI and CRMP	Criteria changed to stipulate the requirement is for sheep only.

Standard 4 – Vessel Preparation and Loading

Change	Standard	Wording	Notes
Amended	S4.5	An accredited stock person who is employed or contracted by the exporter and who is not ordinarily a member of the ship's crew	Due to insurance reasons the standard has been amended to allow exporter to employ

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		must be appointed to accompany each consignment of livestock for export to its destination. In addition, if required by the relevant Australian Government agency, an accredited veterinarian must be appointed to accompany a consignment.	or contract an accredited stock person
Amended	S4.11	Livestock for export must be presented for loading, and penned on the vessel, in lines segregated by species, class, age, weight, criteria in S2.10e(i-iii), and any other relevant characteristic (and, where relevant, port of destination), in accordance with the approved loading plan.	Amended to reference the change in S2.10ei-iii
Addition and deletion	Table A4.1.5	For horned rams an additional 10% pen space must be allocated. For goats with horns in excess of Standard S1.17, the goats are penned separately and an additional 10 % space must be allocated.	New requirement to be consistent with S1.17 & S6.12
Amendment & Addition	Table A4.1.8	Antibiotic(s) appropriate for the treatment of bovine respiratory disease* *The following antibiotics can be used for the treatment of bovine respiratory disease: Florfenicol Tilmicosin Tulathromycin Ceftiofur Tylosin	New requirement to combat BRD

Standard 5 – On-board Management of Livestock

Change	Standard	Wording	Notes
Amended	Definition	Reportable level means, in respect of any species, the percentage listed below or three (3) animals, whichever is the greater number of animals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sheep and goats: two (2) per cent; 	Amended for consistency reasons

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> cattle and buffalo, voyages \geq 10 days: one (1) per cent; cattle and buffalo, voyages < 10 days: zero point five (0.5) per cent; camelids: two (2) per cent; deer: two (2) per cent. 	
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Standard 6 – Air Transport of Livestock

Change	Standard	Wording	Notes
Amended	Definition	<p>A notifiable incident with regard to export of livestock by air includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> loss of aircraft; disablement of ventilation systems on an aircraft carrying livestock causing a serious adverse effect on animal health and welfare; rejection of livestock at an overseas airport; a mortality rate equal to or greater than the reportable level.; or any other incident that has an adverse effect on animal health and welfare. 	
Addition	Definition	<p>Reportable level means, in respect of any species, the percentage listed below or three (3) animals, whichever is the greater number of animals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sheep and goats: two (2) per cent; cattle and buffalo, voyages \geq 10 days: one (1) per cent; cattle and buffalo, voyages < 10 days: zero point five (0.5) per cent; camelids: two (2) per cent; deer: two (2) per cent. 	Reportable levels from Standard 5 have been copied into Standard 6
Amended	S6.4 – category-head	except in approved NOI and CRMP	Amended to be consistent

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Addition	S6.6	<p>Maximum days of gestation at scheduled date of departure for alpaca's and llamas is 250days</p> <p>For alpacas and llamas a declaration must be made in writing by a registered veterinarian with demonstrable current experience in camelid pregnancy diagnosis and who pregnancy tested the alpacas and llamas.</p>	New information
Amended	S6.9d	<p>Unless approved by the relevant Australian Government agency, lambs, goat kids and cria must only be sourced for export by air transportation if:</p> <p>(a) they have been weaned at least fourteen (14) days before sourcing for export;</p> <p>(b) lambs have a liveweight of more than 20 kg; and</p> <p>(c) goat kids have a liveweight of more than 14 kg.</p> <p>(d) cria at foot have a liveweight of more than 12kg and are three (3) months old</p>	New information
Amended	S6.10a	for cattle, if the horns are 12 cm or less in length and tipped (blunt);	The word tipped (blunt) has been included.
Amended	S6.11	<p>Horned sheep or rams must only be sourced for export if the horns:</p> <p>(a) are not turned in so as to cause damage to the head or eyes;</p> <p>(b) would not endanger other animals during transport;</p> <p>(c) would not restrict access to feed or water during transport; and</p> <p>(d) are one full curl or less, or are tipped back to one full curl or less.</p> <p>Otherwise, horned sheep or rams must only be sourced for export with the approval of the relevant Australian Government agency.</p>	Goats have been removed from this standard because they are now included in S6.12
Addition	S6.12	Horned goats must only be sourced for export as slaughter and	New information

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		<p>feeder animals if the horns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) are not turned in so as to cause damage to the head or eyes; b) would not endanger other animals during transport; c) would not restrict access to feed or water during transport; <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Are no more than 15cms long and blunt or are no more than 22cm long with tips no more than 20cms apart. <p>Otherwise, horned goats must only be sourced for export with the approval of the relevant Australian Government agency.</p>	
Amendment/ Addition	Appendix 6.1 – number 6 & 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. The pen area per head for horned cattle, buffalo, sheep and deer must be increased by ten (10) per cent. 7. The pen area for goats with horns in excess of S6.12 must be increased by ten (10) per cent. The goats with horns in excess of S6.12 are to be penned separately. 	New requirement to be consistent with S6.12