



**Australian Government**

**Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service**

## **INFORMATION ON MEAT EXPORT LICENCE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Who needs a meat export licence?**

Exporters of edible meat, offal (including casings) and or meat products of cattle, sheep or goat must be licensed.

### **Why do I need an export licence?**

The *Australian Meat & Livestock Industry Act 1997* (AMLI Act) requires that a person or company or partnership exporting meat or meat products must be licensed to export meat.

### **How do I obtain a licence?**

The applicant must complete an application and submit it for assessment. You will be assessed for competency within the three following areas: technical ability as a packer or non packer, financial standing and integrity.

### **What is the assessment process?**

#### Technical competency

A copy of your AUSMEAT accreditation certificate is acceptable proof.

#### Financial standing

- In the case of a corporate identity:-  
Simply provide your Australian Company Number (ACN) as requested on the application form
- In the case of a partnership:-  
Attach a copy of partnership agreement and a recent 'audited statement of account' to the application
- In the case of an individual:-  
Attach a copy of a recent audited 'statement of account'

#### Integrity competency

The applicant and all nominated persons listed on the application will be assessed by the department under the provisions of the AMLI Act.

### **Steps to be taken in order to apply for obtain accreditation and a meat export licence;**

1. Contact the standards industry body, AUSMEAT Limited for requirements of accreditation.
2. When accreditation has been achieved or is close to being achieved you must complete an "Application for a License to Export Meat" (EX31) form and attach required documents as specified e.g.;
  - a. Copy of AUSMEAT Accreditation Certificate
  - b. Card payment details or cheque payment of \$500 (if applicable)
  - c. Relevant supporting documents as identified on the application form

#### 4. Mail application form to:

Export License Section  
AQIS Food Exports Branch  
GPO Box 858, Canberra ACT 2601

**NOTE:** for AQIS and AUSMEAT contact details please refer to application form.

### **What does a licence cost?**

The annual AQIS Export Licence application fee is \$500. This fee does not apply where applicant is the occupier of a registered export meat establishment and listed by AUSMEAT as a packer exporter.

### **Other references**

For information on how to register as an exporter for electronic export permits [www.daff.gov.au](http://www.daff.gov.au)

Quarantine and Export Services – Exports -EXDOC

The [AMLI Act](#) is available at [www.daff.gov.au](http://www.daff.gov.au) Quarantine and Export Services –Legislation.

For more information in relation to obtaining an application form or licensing requirements for the export of meat/meat products please contact: [exportmeatlicensing@aqis.gov.au](mailto:exportmeatlicensing@aqis.gov.au)