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 Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

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TO:	s.22(1)(a)(ii), s.47F(1) and s47G(1)(a)	
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Dear s.22(1)(a)(ii), s.47F(1) and s47G(1)(a)

In accordance with order 2.44 of the *Export Control (Animals) Order 2004* (the Order), I am writing to notify you of AQIS approval of notice of intention (NOI) and consignment risk management plan (CRMP) ID LNC 4593.

This letter provides approval for you to prepare the livestock for export in accordance with the information supplied to AQIS.

If any relevant circumstances change, you must inform AQIS ACT in writing and receive approval from AQIS ACT of the changes before proceeding any further with the preparation of the livestock.

I have attached the approved export programs (AEPs) for this consignment. In accordance with suborder 2.47(4) of the Order, you must give the AQIS accredited veterinarian (AAV), s.22(1)(a)(ii), s.47F(1) a copy of the AEP and request s.22(1)(a)(ii), s.47F(1) complete the activities and provide declarations that the activities have been completed. The shipboard program must be given to s.22(1)(a)(i), s.47F(1).

You should contact AQIS SA with an application for a health certificate and permission to leave for loading using the standard form (available on the AQIS webpage at www.aqis.gov.au) when the consignment has been prepared. You will need to attach the following documentation to the application.

General:

1. Travel and load plan (the plan must describe how the sheep will be transported to the place of loading, loaded, and carried on the voyage including feed and water requirements, stocking densities and the names of the accredited stockman and veterinarian(s)).
2. Confirmation of date of departure and vessel to be used and route.
3. The updated heat stress model including the additional space requirements above the ASEL.
4. Declaration from the AQIS accredited veterinarians that the AEP was completed including dates of actions.
5. Declaration from the registered premises operator that the sheep were resident in the registered premises for 5 clear days prior to export.

For slaughter sheep destined for s47 (1)(b)

1. Import permit with an accredited English translation.
2. List of properties of origin.
3. Documentation from the relevant State or Territory Government Veterinary Authority that no case of anthrax was officially declared on the properties of origin for the 20 days prior to export.
4. For any sheep that do not originate from properties free from anthrax for the 20 days prior to export, a declaration that these sheep were vaccinated not less than 20 days and not more than 6 months prior to shipment.

For slaughter sheep destined for s47 (1)(b)

1. List of all properties on which the sheep have been resident for the 30 days prior to export.
2. Documentation from the relevant State or Territory Government Veterinary Authority that the properties listed:
 - a. have not been under quarantine restrictions for OIE notifiable diseases for the thirty days prior to export
 - b. have been free from anthrax for the 20 days prior to export.
3. For any sheep that do not originate from properties free from anthrax for the 20 days prior to shipment, a declaration that these animals were vaccinated against anthrax not less than 20 days and not more than 6 months prior to export.
4. Declaration that the sheep were moved by the most direct and practical route and were not permitted to make contact with any ruminants of differing health status.

Slaughter sheep destined for s47 (1)(b)

1. Import permit with an accredited English translation.
2. List of properties of origin.
3. Documentation from the relevant State or Territory Government Veterinary Authority that the properties of origin have been free from anthrax for the 20 days prior to export.
4. For any sheep that do not originate from properties free from anthrax for the 20 days prior to shipment, a declaration that these animals were vaccinated against anthrax not less than 20 days and not more than 6 months prior to export.
5. Declaration that the sheep were moved by the most direct and practical route and were not permitted to make contact with any ruminants of differing health status.

Once the document examination is completed, an AQIS inspection of the sheep can be arranged. Part of the inspection process is checking the property of origin identification of the sheep. You will need to have a list of the properties of origin, and associated documentation (national vendor declarations), available at the registered premises.

Conditions of this approval are:


- That livestock are not permitted to leave the registered premises until AMSA and AQIS (sea ports) have undertaken the pre-loading inspection and determined that the Al Messilah is in a fit state for the proper carriage of the livestock.
- The livestock are loaded in accordance with the updated HSRA and at a minimum the additional space requirements on each deck indicated by s47G(1)(a)

- . When the ship has been loaded to approximately 85% of the estimated capacity for the consignment, loading ceases until the weight of the loaded sheep is calculated and the load plan and HSRA are updated. Once AQIS SA have determined that the sheep have been loaded in accordance with the HSRA and the additional space above the ASEL requirements indicated by s47G(1)(a) an AQIS officer will give approval for loading to continue.
- . The travel and load plan supplied to AQIS SA must include the number and class of livestock to be loaded in each pen on each tier / deck.
- . The end of voyage report must specify the number of deaths that occurred on each tier / deck and the number of deaths in each class of livestock.
- . If the order of discharge ports changes and s47 (1)(b) becomes the first port of call, the exporter must ensure that the importer has notified the Animal Wealth Directorate in s47 (1)(b) of the change.

You must also arrange for the sheep to be examined as they are being loaded onto the vessel to remove all animals unfit for travel.

If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Tim Naylor on s.47F(1)

Yours sincerely


Garry Cullen
Delegate to the Secretary



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Section 2.47 of the *Export Control (Animals) 2004*

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Consignment Description			
Species:	Ovine	Importing Country:	s47 (1)(b)
Class:	Slaughter	Est. Departure Date:	08/08/2011
Breed:	Merino / Crossbred	Vessel Name:	MV Al Messilah
		Port of Loading:	Adelaide

AQIS accredited veterinarian: s.22(1)(a)(ii), s.47F(1)

Activity	Date(s)
AAV to inspect animals within 48 hours of loading and were found to be free from evidence of infectious and contagious diseases, external parasites and fit to travel consistent with the rejection criteria.	Within 48 hours prior to loading
AAV to inspect the animals on the day of export and only those animals free of clinical signs of infectious and contagious diseases and are fit to travel qualify for export	On the day of export at the registered premises

s.22(1)(a)(ii), s.47F(1), must provide a declaration that the activity has been completed as part of the exporter's application for a health certificate and permission to leave for loading.

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Name of Authorised Officer	
	5/8/11
Signature of Authorised Officer	Date



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SHEEP REJECTION CRITERIA

The AQIS accredited veterinarian must reject any animal found with the following signs. Any other condition that could be defined as an infectious or contagious disease, or would mean that the sheep's health would decline or that the sheep would suffer distress during transport would also mean rejection from export.

CATEGORY	DETAILS
General requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fail to meet requirements of protocol/import permit, such as sex, type, breed, tag number • Lactating animals with young at foot • Lactating ewes and does • Pregnancy status not confirmed as appropriate for journey
Systemic Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emaciated or overfat • Anorexia (inappetence) • Uncoordinated, collapsed, weak • Unwell, lethargic, dehydrated • Ill-thrift
Musculoskeletal System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lameness or abnormal gait • Abnormal Soft tissue or bony swellings
Gastrointestinal System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dysentery or profuse diarrhea • Bloat
Nervous System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nervous signs (e.g. head tilt, circling, incoordination) • Abnormal or aggressive behaviour/intractable or violent
External/skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generalised skin disease • Visible external parasites • Cutaneous myiasis (flystrike) • Significant lacerations • Discharging wounds or abscesses • Wool longer than 25 mm, unless approved by the appropriate Australian Government agency based on agreed heat stress risk assessment model • External skin cancer • Ballanitis (pizzle rot in sheep) • Blood/discharge from reproductive tract (vulva/prepuce)
Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blindness in one or both eyes • Cancer eye • Keratoconjunctivitis (pink eye) • Excessive salivation • Nasal discharge • Respiratory distress — difficulty breathing • Horns causing damage to head or eyes • Sheep: long horns greater than one curl, except in approved NOI and CRMP • Bleeding horn stumps • Coughing • Scabby mouth
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobs with unusual mortalities or mortalities of more than zero point five (0.5) per cent over the whole period of pre-export preparation • Large disparities in sizes or ages (Re-draft animals in this case)



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Consignment Description			
Species:	Ovine	Importing Country:	s47 (1)(b)
Class:	Slaughter	Est. Departure Date:	08/08/2011
Breed:	Merino / Crossbred	Vessel Name:	MV Al Messilah
		Port of Loading:	Adelaide

AQIS accredited shipboard veterinarian: s.22(1)(a)(ii), s.47F(1), [REDACTED]

The livestock are to be accompanied on their export voyage by s.22(1)(a)(ii), s.47F(1), [REDACTED]
 The AAV must remain on the vessel until the last animal has disembarked.

s.22(1)(a)(ii), s.47F(1), [REDACTED] must provide:

- A daily report to AQIS in accordance with Appendix 5.1 of the Australian Standards for the export of livestock (ASEL).
- An end of voyage report to AQIS within 5 days of the end of voyage in accordance with Appendix 5.2 of the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL).
- **The end of voyage report must specify the number of deaths that occurred on each tier / deck.**
- **The daily report must include the number of livestock and the number of mortalities on each tier / deck.**
- **The daily and end of voyage reports must include the mortalities in each class of livestock.**
- Written notification to AQIS if a notifiable incident occurs. This notification must be provided to AQIS as soon as possible (within 12 hours of occurring). Definition of notifiable incident and reportable levels of mortalities are provided below.
- If incidents (eg. lambing, disease or mortalities etc.) occur in particular lines provide details, including identification, to allow trace backs.
- **If heat stress mortalities occur the daily and end of voyage report must specify the deck and tier on which the heat stress mortalities occurred.**

Notifiable incident means an incident that has the potential to cause serious harm to the health and welfare of animals. A notifiable incident includes, but is not limited to:

- a shipboard mortality rate equal to or greater than a reportable level;
- disablement of ventilation, feeding and/or watering systems on a vessel carrying livestock, causing a serious adverse effect on animal welfare;
- rejection of livestock at an overseas port;
- diagnosis or strong suspicion of an emergency disease in a consignment of livestock;
- marine casualty of a vessel carrying livestock;
- disablement of a vessel carrying livestock, such that assistance is required for return to port;



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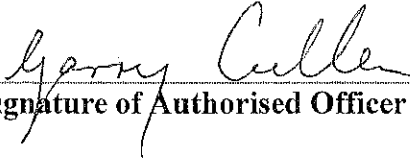
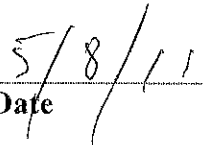
- an act of terrorism or piracy; and/or
- any other incident that has a serious adverse effect on animal health and welfare.

Reportable level means, in respect of any species, the percentage listed below or three (3) animals, whichever is the greater number of animals:

- sheep and goats: two (2) per cent;
- cattle and buffalo, voyages ≥ 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.

Shipboard mortality rate refers to any species, and means the percentage determined by dividing the number of deaths of that species occurring while on the vessel (including during loading and unloading) by the total number of that species loaded, and multiplying the resulting figure by 100.

Mortalities which occur after arrival in the port but before the animal can be discharged must be included in the daily and end of voyage reports.

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Name of Authorised Officer	
	
Signature of Authorised Officer	Date