



EXPORT ADVISORY NOTICE – 2007 - 26			16 November 2007
Title:	Australian Standard for the Export of Livestock horn specifications		
Species:	Sheep		
Country:	All destinations	File No.	2007/00655
Relevant to:	AQIS Live Animal Exports Officers Livestock Exporters Livecorp Registered Premises operators		

Purpose

To remind participants of the livestock export trade of the operational requirements of the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL) relating to horns in sheep for export.

Background

The ASEL has specific standards relating to horns specifications. AQIS has issued EANs relating to horn specifications previously (2007-04).

AQIS has received photographic material of sheep for export with horns not in accordance with the ASEL.

The relevant sections of the ASEL are as follows:

1.7	Rejection criteria Untipped sharp horns. Horns causing damage to head or eyes. Sheep/goats: long horns greater than one curl, except in approved NOI and CRMP.
1.16	Horned sheep, rams or goats must only be sourced for export as slaughter and feeder animals if the horns: <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; and (d) are one full curl or less, or are tipped back to one full curl or less. Otherwise, horned sheep or goats must only be sourced for export with the approval of the relevant Australian Government agency.

Responsibilities

Licensed Exporters

1. The exporter has a responsibility to ensure that sheep are sourced, transported to the registered premises and loaded onto the vessel in accordance with the ASEL.

Registered Premises Operators

1. The registered premises operator is responsible for ensuring that only those sheep which meet the ASEL are accepted at the registered premises.

Instructions

1. Exporters and Registered premises operators must ensure the horns of sheep for export are in accordance with the ASEL.
2. AQIS officers to reject sheep with horns not in accordance with the ASEL.



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