



## **EUCAS ADVICE NOTICE**

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### **European Union (EU): amendments to the European Union Vendor Declaration**

<b>Attention</b>	<b>Industries</b>	Industry Bodies: AUS-MEAT Limited, AMIC, JBS, TEYS, ALFA, CCA, ISC EUCAS accredited producers. Export Establishments
	<b>Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment</b>	ATMs and FOMs OPVs and meat inspection staff Veterinary and Export Meat Branch Exports Standards Branch
<b>Affected Markets</b>		<b>European Union (EU)</b>
<b>Further Information</b>		Please contact <a href="mailto:eucas@awe.gov.au">eucas@awe.gov.au</a> or call the EUCAS team on 1800 305 544 if you have any queries.

Further to EAN2018-01, this European Union Cattle Accreditation Scheme (EUCAS) advice notice provides information on the implementation of the declaration of oestradiol freedom for cattle accredited under EUCAS. In line with the requirements of the European Union (EU) and Directive 96/22/EC, the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment in conjunction with the Integrity Systems Company (ISC) has amended the European Union Vendor Declarations (EUVDs) to include a declaration of freedom from treatment with oestradiol 17 $\beta$  or its ester-like derivatives.

#### **EUVD implementation**

The new EUVD version number 0720 was released on 1 July 2020 and will be implemented over a transition period beginning 1 November 2020 through to 1 July 2021.

The EUVD version 0720 is available in hard copy book format or online eNVD. To obtain your copy of the EUVD version 0720 please contact Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) by calling 1800 683 111 or through the LPA database. You can access the LPA database directly via [LPA login](#) or [myMLA](#).

#### *From 1 November 2020:*

- **Where possible**, consign male EUCAS cattle on the new EUVD version 0720 without a supplementary declaration.
- **Where possible**, consign female EUCAS cattle that the manager can declare their freedom from oestradiol treatments (such as homebred cows and heifers) on the new EUVD version 0720 without a supplementary declaration or old EUVD version 0413 with a supplementary declaration.

#### *From 1 March 2021:*

- All male EUCAS cattle can be consigned on the new EUVD version 0720 without a supplementary declaration.
- All female EUCAS cattle entering EU grass-fed or EU grain fed production systems are to be accompanied by the new EUVD version 0720 without a supplementary declaration **or** the old EUVD version 0413 with a supplementary declaration attesting to freedom from oestradiol treatment.

- All EUCAS (breeder transactions) are to be accompanied by new EUVD version 0720 without a supplementary declaration or the old EUVD version 0413 with a supplementary declaration for all female cattle attesting to freedom from oestradiol treatment.
- Accredited producers purchasing EUCAS cattle will be required to confirm the oestradiol treatment status of female animals they purchase (either using the new EUVD version 0720 without a supplementary declaration or the old EUVD version 0413 with a supplementary declaration).
- All EUCAS female cattle that may have been treated with oestradiol for breeding purposes are to be identified in the NLIS database as Non-EU eligible (EU N on the NLIS database). These animals, whilst they will not be eligible for export to the EU, will be permitted to remain on the EUCAS property and their offspring will be EU eligible.

*From 1 July 2021:*

- All EUCAS cattle movements must use the new EUVD version 0720.

### **Supplementary declarations**

In cases where the EUVD version 0413 has been used, a supplementary declaration is required to support a declaration of oestradiol-freedom for all EU-eligible cattle. An example supplementary declaration is provided at Attachment A and will be made available from the department's [EUCAS website](#).

If the EUVD used for the movement shows the female cattle have had multiple owners on question 2 of the EUVD, managers will need to contact the EUCAS team to assist in gaining additional declarations from previous owners if they are not readily available. In the event a declaration cannot be sourced directly from the previous vendor (such as through a saleyard) the department can assist in the facilitation of gaining declarations by contacting the previous owners.

If a declaration cannot be obtained for the female cattle, they will be taken to be potentially treated and must be downgraded to Non-EU eligible (EU N on the NLIS database). Please see **Handling of treated cattle** section below for further details.

### **Who can sign the vendor declarations and supplementary declarations**

All EUVDs and supplementary declarations must be completed by the EUCAS accredited manager or listed authorised signatory. The inclusion of this declaration in the EUVD enforces current EUCAS requirements to not treat cattle with oestradiol or its ester-like derivatives.

### **Handling of treated cattle**

If any EU eligible cattle on a EUCAS property have been treated with oestradiol the following steps must be taken to ensure these animals do not enter the EU meat and meat product supply chain:

- A list of treated EU eligible cattle remaining on the property must be provided to the department. The department will change the status of these animals to Non-EU approved breeders on the NLIS database. These cattle can remain on the EUCAS property as Non-EU approved breeders, and their progeny will be eligible for the EU market.
- If the producer is aware that oestradiol has been used on their EUCAS breeding cattle, but cannot individually identify untreated animals, then a list of all female cattle in the mob of potentially treated cattle must be provided to the department so that their status can be changed to Non-EU approved breeders on the NLIS database.
- The accreditation of the property will not be affected, and any cattle that can be positively identified as not receiving treatment (i.e. steers) will remain EU eligible.

### **Background**

The EU requires that meat and meat products from cattle that have been treated with oestradiol or its ester-like derivatives are not to be exported to the EU. Accreditation holders are reminded that products containing oestradiol or its ester-like derivatives are not permitted for use on EUCAS accredited properties.

The department will continue to verify compliance with the requirement to not treat cattle with oestradiol and its ester-like derivatives during audits of accredited properties. Cattle on an accredited property suspected of being

treated with oestradiol or its ester-like derivatives may remain on the property as non-EU eligible animals for breeding purposes only.

*The information provided above is current at the time of writing and is intended for use as guidance only and should not be taken as definitive or exhaustive. The Commonwealth endeavours to keep information current and accurate, however, it may be subject to change without notice. Accreditation holders are encouraged to verify these details with the department for any clarification required. The Commonwealth will not accept liability for any loss resulting from reliance on information contained in this notice.*

# EUROPEAN UNION SUPPLEMENTARY DECLARATION (CATTLE): OESTRADIOL 17 $\beta$

CORRESPONDING EUVD SERIAL NUMBER

When using the EUVD version E0413 this form is to be used to provide supplementary information in regards to the use of oestradiol 17 $\beta$  and its ester-like derivatives for all EU-eligible cows and heifers consigned from one EU accredited property to another EU accredited property.

**Part A To be completed by the accredited manager listed in Part A of the EUVD or previous manager.**

## Owner of cattle at time of transfer

(FULL TRADING NAME)

## Property/place where the journey commenced

(ADDRESS)

(ADDRESS CONTINUED)

(TOWN/SUBURB)

(STATE)

## Property Identification Code (PIC) of vendor's property

This MUST be the PIC of the property that the stock was moved **from**

## Description of cattle

Number	Description (BREED, E.G. HEREFORD CROSS HEIFERS)	Brands or Earmarks (IF PRESENT OR REQUIRED)
	<b>Total</b>	

## Consigned to

(NAME OF PERSON OR BUSINESS)

(ADDRESS)

(TOWN/SUBURB)

(STATE)

## Property Identification Code (PIC) of the buyer's property

This MUST be the PIC of the property that the stock was moved **to**

## Declaration

Please tick the acknowledgment check box in this section after you have read the declaration to complete the form.

**SUPPLEMENTARY DECLARATION FOR EUCAS PRODUCERS**

I

(FULL NAME)

(FULL ADDRESS)

(ADDRESS CONTINUED)

(TOWN/SUBURB)

(STATE)

**...declare as the manager responsible for the husbandry of the animals listed on the EUVD noted above, that the information stated in this declaration is true and correct. I also declare that none of the animals were ever treated with HGP's or products containing Oestradiol 17 $\beta$  and its ester-like derivatives; I have records available to demonstrate that the animals were either a) born on the property the PIC of which is shown, or b) for purchased cattle, either accompanied by an EU vendor declaration attesting to their freedom from prohibited hormone treatments or a supplementary declaration attesting to their freedom from all prohibited hormone treatments including Oestradiol 17 $\beta$  and its ester-like derivatives. This declaration is made under the Export Control Act. I will retain a copy of this declaration for two (2) years, three (3) years in WA (Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the Criminal Code Act 1995, the punishment for which is a period of imprisonment not exceeding 12 months).**

**Signature\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / **202**

\*Only the person whose name appears above may sign this declaration or make amendments which must be initialled

**Tel no:** \_\_\_\_\_

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