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Export advisory notice 2021/15

Notification of extension of delay to implementation of competent stock handler on aircraft requirement

Species: All

Countries: All

Attention

- Accredited Veterinarians
- Livestock Exporters
- Registered Establishment Occupiers
- Department Officers

Purpose

To advise stakeholders that compliance with the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL) 3.1 standard 6.1.24 (requirement for a competent stock handler to accompany consignments by air) will be delayed until further notice is given by the department. This is due to COVID-19 continuing to impact arrangements for international air travel.

Key points

- ASEL 3.1 standard 6.1.24 will not come into force until further notice is given from the department. This is due to COVID-19 continuing to impact arrangements for international air travel. This change will be incorporated into the next ASEL update.
- When COVID-19 restrictions resolve, the department will give 6 months' notice before compliance with standard 6.1.24 commences, to allow sufficient time to plan arrangements for upcoming consignments.



Background

On 27 October 2020 the department published advice that compliance with standard 6.1.24 would be delayed for 12 months from the time ASEL 3.0 commenced (see [EAN 2020-23](#)). This was due to COVID-19 substantially changing arrangements for air travel. In light of continuing COVID-19 impacts, the department has decided to further delay compliance with standard 6.1.24.

This avoids the need to introduce consignment-by-consignment approvals. It will not increase the risk for livestock exported by air as standard 6.1.24 is a new requirement, but will continue to delay its implementation.

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