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## Export advisory notice 2021/26

# Publication of ASEL rejection criteria guidebooks

Species: Cattle, buffalo, sheep, and goats

Countries: Australia

## Attention

- All

## Purpose

To advise all stakeholders that the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment has published the ASEL rejection criteria guidebooks for cattle and buffalo, and sheep and goats.

## Key points

- The department has developed guidance material to promote the understanding and consistent application of the ASEL rejection criteria.
- The rejection criteria guidebooks (the guidebooks) aim to:
  - clearly explain the ASEL rejection criteria and provide clarification and technical information to government and non-government users to promote the consistent application of rejection criteria
  - improve welfare outcomes for export livestock through better management prior to loading
  - provide clear guidance, including media, on livestock that aren't suitable for export or to enter the export supply chain.
- We encourage all those involved in the selection and preparation of livestock for export to review the guidebooks.
- We welcome feedback and additional media (photographs and video) to improve the guidebooks – please email [aselreview@awe.gov.au](mailto:aselreview@awe.gov.au).
- The guidebooks will be periodically updated therefore we recommend you access the document via the weblink rather than download and save your own copy.

- The guidebooks are not intended to replace any existing jurisdictional legislation or fit-to-load guides, and professional discretion should continue to be applied when assessing an animal's suitability for export.
- We would like to thank all who were involved in the development of the guidebooks, including accredited veterinarians and departmental veterinarians, for their assistance.

## Instructions

- 1) The documents are available at [awe.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/export/controlled-goods/live-animals/livestock/australian-standards-livestock/rejection-criteria-guidebooks](http://awe.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/export/controlled-goods/live-animals/livestock/australian-standards-livestock/rejection-criteria-guidebooks).
- 2) Please email any feedback and media (including description) to [aselreview@awe.gov.au](mailto:aselreview@awe.gov.au).

## Background

This is the first of a series of collaborative projects to promote the consistent application of the ASEL.



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