



<b>EXPORT ADVISORY NOTICE – 2013-13</b>		<b>11 December 2013</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Further administrative changes to the Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System</b>	
<b>Species:</b>	<b>All feeder and slaughter livestock</b>	
<b>Country:</b>	<b>All</b>	
<b>For information:</b>	<b>[1] Livestock Exporters</b> <b>[2] Department of Agriculture Live Animal Export Officers</b> <b>[3] LiveCorp / ALEC</b>	

### **Purpose**

To advise exporters of further administrative changes relating to the information required to be submitted for proposed Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS) applications, proposed ESCAS variations and later ESCAS performance verification submitted on or after 18 December 2013.

### **Instructions**

Exporters submitting Independent Initial Audit Reports (IIAR) or Independent Performance Audit Reports (IPAR) to the department are no longer required to submit the 'Guidance on meeting OIE code animal welfare outcomes checklist for cattle and buffalo' (the audit checklist) or 'Guidance on meeting OIE code animal welfare outcomes checklist for sheep and goats' (the audit checklist) which are completed at the time an audit is undertaken.

Exporters are still required to submit to the department the detailed summary of the audit and the summary of audit for publication.

Unless otherwise notified by the department, exporters must also provide the information required by Export Advisory Notice (EAN) 2013-03 relating to the use of Mark IV type restraint boxes. Mark IV type restraint boxes include any restraint box that restrains the animal and then places it in a laterally recumbent position (90° / on-side) for un-stunned slaughter.

Exporters must ensure that any additional information provided in the audit checklist is included in the detailed summary of the audit. Examples may include:

- Confirmation that the auditor observed animal handling and where applicable slaughter of livestock in facilities in the proposed or approved supply chain
- Detail of equipment used during the slaughter process at the abattoir(s) in the proposed or approved supply chain

Exporters must retain copies of the audit checklists as provided with the full audit report to them by their independent auditor as the department may request further information about a proposed or approved ESCAS at any time.

Exporters are encouraged to continue to submit photographic reports generated by some independent auditors as part of their reporting processes.

Exporters are encouraged to have their independent auditors use the sample independent audit reports when completing their IIAR or IPAR as provided in EAN 2013-05 and EAN 2013-06.



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