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Export advisory notice 2020-09

Livestock exports to Vietnam – restriction to ports of entry

Species: All livestock

Countries: Vietnam

Attention

- Australian Livestock Exporters Council
- LiveCorp
- Livestock Exporters
- Meat and Livestock Australia

Purpose

To advise livestock exporters that Vietnam has recently implemented a decree which only allows livestock to enter Vietnam at certain airports and sea ports.

Key points

- Vietnam implemented decree no 13/2020/ND-CP Law on Animal Husbandry (**the decree**) on 5 March 2020.
- Amongst other things, the decree lists the ports that are permitted to accept livestock shipments:
 - Noi Bai, Da Nang and Tan Son Nhat International airports
 - Cai Lan (Quang Ninh), Hai Phong, Cua Lo (Nghe An), Da Nang, Quy Nhon (Binh Dinh), Cat Lai (Ho Chi Minh City) and Cai Mep (Ba Ria - Vung Tau) sea ports
- The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (the department) is seeking clarification and agreement from Vietnamese authorities to allow discharge of livestock in ports which have received Australian livestock in recent years but which are not listed in the decree.
- The department also understands that the decree may be subject to review by the Vietnamese Government.

- As an interim measure, Vietnam authorities have advised the department that consignments accompanied by import permits that do not include one of the ports specified in the decree will be accepted into Vietnam providing one of the following two conditions are met:
 - An import permit dated prior to 5 March 2020 has been issued to the importer

Or

- The commercial contract between the Vietnamese importer and the Australian exporter for the supply of Australian livestock to Vietnam was signed by both parties prior to 5 March 2020.

Instructions

- 1) If seeking to export livestock to Vietnam, exporters must, prior to approval of a Notice of Intention (NOI) to export livestock, either:
 - a) upload a valid import permit to TRACE which specifies one of the ports listed in decree no. 13/2020/ND-CP Law on Animal Husbandry as the port of discharge

or

 - b) upload a valid import permit to TRACE dated prior to 5 March 2020, noting this may specify a port not listed in decree no. 13/2020/ND-CP Law on Animal Husbandry as the port of discharge

or

 - c) upload to TRACE a commercial contract between the Vietnamese importer and the Australian exporter for the supply of Australian livestock to Vietnam, signed by both parties prior to 5 March 2020. This should be accompanied by:
 - i) written confirmation from the relevant Vietnamese authority that the consignment will be permitted to discharge livestock at the port specified in the import permit; and
 - ii) an import permit.
- 2) The department will not be prepared to approve a NOI to export livestock to Vietnam until the documents specified in point 1 (a), (b) or (c) are provided.

Background

Exporters may currently hold import permits issued after the implementation of the decree (5 March 2020). Vietnam authorities have confirmed that the decree overrides any import permits that may have been issued, and that, unless the import permit or the commercial contract was issued prior to 5 March 2020, livestock will only be accepted at one of the ports listed in the decree.



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