



Dairy, eggs and fish exports – Low-risk framework

Responsibilities of fishing vessels

The department has made a number of significant changes to the way we regulate and audit low-risk dairy, eggs and fish export establishments, moving to a data driven and risk-based regulatory model. This includes storage facilities, fishing vessels, and live fish establishments (excluding establishments who export bivalve molluscs).

The low-risk framework utilises Artificial Intelligence as an assessment and verification tool and will provide a reduction in audit and regulatory burden. Establishments are required to submit documentation to the department via a single online digital portal, which will utilise artificial intelligence to assist in analysis of establishment compliance.

Establishments are required to submit documentation and be engaged in sector level verification activities. The following data will be required by the department:

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|  Establishment questionnaire |  Other approved arrangement documents or records as requested |
|  Declaration of conformity |  Sector level verification/assurance. |
|  Photo and video for Artificial Intelligence (AI) verification | |

Employees in an establishments management or control will have access to the portal and are responsible for final submission of files and declarations. The department may reach out to establishments for further information or action following submissions of files and declarations.

Fishing Vessels Questionnaire Content

Establishments are required to answer the following questions as part of the questionnaire:

1. Please confirm details of key contacts at your establishment.
 - a. Complete section provided, noting name, email and phone for primary and secondary contacts.
2. Please confirm the vessel name and home port.
3. Please confirm your establishment's current address of operations.
4. Please confirm your company's business address (if different).
5. Please confirm your company's Australian Business Number(s) (ABN) and Australian Company Number (ACN).
6. What other government authorities does the vessel currently hold a license with to conduct its operations?
 - a. Select one: Local council, State food regulatory authority, State Fishery body, Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA), Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), Other, None.
 - b. If Other - Please provide details of licence provider.
7. Is this establishment currently audited under any recognised third-party food safety certification schemes? Do you agree to provide the department with the outcomes of the third-party audit/s if requested?
 - a. Select one: HACCP, Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), Food Safety System Certification (FSSC) 22000, British Retail Consortium (BRC), Other, None.
 - b. If Other - Please provide details of the third-party certification and provider.
8. Are there any other products prepared aboard this vessel other than those that are approved for export?
 - a. Select yes or no, if Yes - Please provide details.
9. Do you catch/prepare fish species that are subject to histamine development?
 - a. Select yes or no, if Yes - Please list the applicable species and describe how you prevent the development of histamine.

10. If applicable, do you treat your prawns with any additives to prevent melanosis (black spot)?
 - a. Select one: Yes - treat with approved additives, No treatment, Not applicable (do not catch/prepare prawns).
 - b. If Yes - How do you confirm that additive levels are within defined regulatory limits? Please provide details of what your monitoring program involves.
11. Do you export fish products directly from your vessel, or on-sell your products to an exporter?
 - a. Select one: Always export own product directly from vessel, Product is always on-sold to an Australian exporter who may export the product, May do both of the above.
12. Which period(s) of the next 12 months do you expect to be operating this export registered vessel?
13. Have there been any changes to key personnel in the last 12 months?
 - a. Select yes or no, if Yes - Please provide details.
14. Has there been any significant variations to your establishment or Approved Arrangement in the last 12 months that you have not already notified the department of?
 - a. Select yes or no, if Yes - Please describe the change/s made.
15. Have you undertaken any product recalls or withdrawals in the last 12 months?
 - a. Select yes or no, if Yes - Please provide the following details:
16. The product type, if the product was exported, why the product was recalled/withdrawn and which organisations your establishment worked with to resolve (e.g. FSANZ, State Regulatory Authority, DAFF).
17. Has any product from your vessel been subject to any notification by overseas authorities within the last 12 months, including detained consignments and errors on certification (if known)?
 - a. Select yes or no, if Yes - Please provide details.

Declaration of conformity

As a part of completing the annual requirements, establishments will be required to declare that they:

- Understand their requirements
- Have documented evidence of staff training and competency
- Have completed verification activities including internal audits as scheduled
- Have actioned all non-compliances identified in the last 12 months
- Have no critical non-compliances identified in the last 12 months, or have appropriately addressed any critical non-compliances identified
- Understand obligations to notify the department of any variations to approved arrangements and registrations
- Understand the departments right to undertake additional compliance and verification activities
- Have provided true and correct information to the department.

AI Verification Inputs

You will be required to upload video and photos of your establishment of the below elements:

- General cleanliness.
- Image of whole vessels to allow identification of vessel.
- Product packaged in containers with carton dates and transfer documentation.
- Chemical storage area showing label on chemicals.

Files uploaded for AI verification must:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Be uploaded in the correct file type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Photos (e.g. jpeg, png). - Videos (e.g. mp4). ■ Clearly show required element. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Clear image or video: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not pixelated or blurry. - Object of image or video not obstructed. - Space well lit. |
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More information

Learn more about low-risk audits for dairy, eggs and fish, and the requirements specific to establishments.

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/export/controlled-goods/low-risk-audits-dairy-eggs-fish-establishments>

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