



Meat notice

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1. Purpose

Further to Meat Notice 2022/02, *Proposed export control rule amendments 2022*, the department is proposing to introduce 3 additional amendments to the 4 meat commodity export control rules as described below. These refinements improve legislative clarity and provides legislative support for current practices, while maintaining the level of regulatory oversight our trading partners expect.

2. Scope

This notice applies to the 4 meat commodity rules which comprise of:

- Export Control (Meat and Meat Products) Rules 2021 (Meat Rules) (*meat export licensing, official marks*)
- Export Control (Poultry Meat and Poultry Meat Products) Rules 2021 (Poultry Meat Rules) (*official marks*)
- Export Control (Wild Game Meat and Wild Game Meat Products) Rules 2021 (Wild Game Meat Rules) (*official marks*)
- Export Control (Rabbit and Ratite Meat and Rabbit and Ratite Meat Products) Rules 2021 (Rabbit and Ratite Meat Rules) (*official marks*).

3. Proposed Amendments

The 3 additional proposed amendments to be consolidated and progressed with the outstanding proposed amendments from Meat Notice 2022/02 are:

Licence maintenance condition – will occur in the Meat Rules. This legislative change confirms that meat licence holders need to maintain the requirements needed to obtain the licence for the period of holding the meat licence.

- i. Benefit – little change as legislation is improved to support current licensing practices
- ii. Industry/Licensee impacts – no change anticipated. Licensee holders would generally be complying with requirement

Licencing renewal requirement – will occur in the Meat Rules. This legislative change clarifies that the same requirements needed to obtain a meat licence are also required to obtain a renewal of the meat licence.

- i. Benefit – provides improved legislative clarity and support to current licensing processing practices
- ii. Industry/Licensee impacts – no change anticipated. Licensee holders would generally be complying with requirement

Official mark changes – will occur across the 4 meat commodity rules as appropriate. This legislative change allows establishment personnel, nominated in the establishment Approved Arrangement (AA), to apply certain official marks to product in accordance with the AA approval.

- i. Benefit – the legislation better reflects current practices and provides more accurate legislative underpinning for the application of the following official marks:
 - EU official mark (not in Poultry Meat Rules)
 - carton seal
 - tamper-evident strap seal

- ii. Industry impacts – no change anticipated. Industry would generally be complying with requirement

5. Consultation

Please provide comments, or direct any questions, to Adam.Balcerak@aff.gov.au.

Comments are due 2 weeks from publication of this notice.

There will be a further opportunity to comment during the public consultation period on the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Have Your Say platform. Industry will be advised of the commencement of the public consultation period.

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