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Technical Advisory Committee Secretariat  
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Dear Sirs,

The NTLEA represents the interests of the Northern Territory's livestock export industry members and supply chain stakeholders. Our members are primarily focused upon trade with south-east Asia and include exporters, yard owners, associated industry bodies and producers.

We would like to provide our support for the submission made by the Australian Livestock Exporters' Council (ALEC) and reiterate support specifically for the utilisation of scientific evidence where amendments to existing ASEL requirements are being suggested by the TAC.

The Northern Territory's livestock export industry is a diverse sector that does not provide for an environment in which it is effective to put in place a rigid regulatory framework which focuses more on process than outcome.

Our members seek to engage positively with all forms of Government regulation and oversight. The strength of the performance of the trade to south-east Asia is evidence of this. Given that many of the recommendations made by the TAC disproportionately affect the short-haul trade to south-east Asia we would urge the TAC adopt reforms only where there is evidence to support the need for such.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft standards.

Yours sincerely,

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