



Agistment

Walking European Union Cattle Accreditation Scheme (EUCAS) cattle on travelling stock routes

(Rules applicable to EUCAS farms in drought affected areas when Scheme cattle are agisted on stock routes)

1. Detail in writing to the Department of Agriculture, water and the Environment (the Department) the proposal and the controls that you will apply.
2. All cattle must be individually identified with National Livestock Identification Scheme (NLIS) accredited devices before they leave the property.
3. All cattle must be read and NLIS & Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) number recorded:
 - a print out of the NLIS & RFID numbers must be provided to the Department and a copy filed with your EUCAS records.
4. A count is made of the total number of cattle that leave the property.
5. The cattle must remain under your constant supervision. You should detail this supervision in your proposal.
6. The cattle must remain as a discrete mob. Stragglers/strangers should be excluded at all times:
 - special attention should be given where there is other stock on the stock routes or at common watering locations. Any animal, which has lost its NLIS/RFID device, must be excluded from the EUCAS scheme. This will also apply to cattle that die or are lost during this temporary agistment. Managers must keep complete records of all lost NLIS/RFID devices.
7. A count is made of the total number of cattle that return to the property.
8. Upon returning to the property, the cattle must be checked to ensure that the NLIS device has remained in place. All cattle must be read-in upon return to the property. A print out of the NLIS /RFID numbers for returning animals must be provided to the Department and a copy filed with your EUCAS records. Any cattle that are missing this identification are to be isolated and removed from the property as EUCAS ineligible.
9. Any unaccounted for discrepancies in the cattle numbers on return to the property should be reported to the Department. Additional guidance will be given on what to do in this event.