



EXPORT ADVISORY NOTICE – 2016-04		30 March 2016
Title:	Approved arrangements changes for Australian Government Accredited Veterinarians	
Species:	All livestock	
Country:	All	
For information:	All Australian Government Accredited Veterinarians	

Purpose

To advise Australian Government Accredited Veterinarians (AAVs) of changes resulting from the implementation of approved arrangements for livestock exports.

Key points

1. Recent amendments to the Export Control (Animals) Order 2004 created a new part 1A to allow livestock exporters to operate under approved arrangements.
2. Under the approved arrangement model, instead of the department providing exporters with an approved export program, exporters must develop their own program of activities for AAVs for each consignment, as required by section 1A.05 (1) (d) of the order.
3. An exporter's program of activities is equivalent to an approved export program as defined in section 9A of the *Export Control Act 1982* and includes activities to be undertaken within or outside Australia.
4. Obligations of accredited veterinarians as required by part 4A of the order, including keeping records and providing reports, are otherwise not effected by the implementation of approved arrangements.
5. It will be compulsory for all exporters to have an approved arrangement to export livestock from 1 January 2017 (unless they are granted an exemption because they export small consignments infrequently).
6. The department has trialled the approved arrangement model with four exporters, and from April 2016, all exporters will be able to apply to the department to operate under an approved arrangement.
7. AAVs can verify if an exporter is operating under an approved arrangement by requesting a copy of the department's letter confirming approval of an exporter's approved arrangement.
8. Exporters that do not have an approved arrangement will continue to receive approved export programs during 2016, as required by Part 2 of the order.

B a c k g r o u n d

An approved arrangement is an agreement between the department and a livestock exporter that allows for a more streamlined approach to export certification. The arrangement sets out the procedures an exporter employs to ensure Australian Government requirements for the certification of livestock for export are met, including:

- the Australian Standard for the Export of Livestock (ASEL);
- importing country requirements; and
- other legislative requirements.

Approved arrangements are monitored for compliance through audits of the exporters' businesses combined with targeted inspections of consignment paperwork and livestock. It brings the regulation of livestock into line with other export commodities, including meat, dairy, fish and eggs.

F u r t h e r I n f o r m a t i o n

For further information visit or <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export/controlled-goods/live-animals/livestock/information-exporters-industry/approved-arrangements> or contact the department by email at livestockexp@agriculture.gov.au or by phone 02 6272 4581.



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