



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Agriculture**  
**and Water Resources**

<b>EXPORT ADVISORY NOTICE – 2016-21</b>		<b>26 August 2016</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Pregnancy declarations – all species</b>	
<b>Species:</b>	<b>All species</b>	
<b>Country:</b>	<b>All</b>	
<b>For information:</b>	<b>1. Livestock Exporters</b> <b>2. Australian Government Accredited Veterinarians (AAV)</b> <b>3. LiveCorp</b> <b>4. Department Officers</b>	

### **Purpose**

This Export Advisory Notice replaces EAN 2015/13 and removes the requirement to include a consignment number in pregnancy test declarations.

‘Pregnancy tester’ is used in this EAN to refer to both registered veterinarians and competent pregnancy testers as defined by ASEL.

### **Background**

The department issued EAN 2015/13 in response to receiving a number of pregnancy declarations from a person who did not physically perform the pregnancy examination.

The department will only accept pregnancy declarations made by the person who has physically conducted the examination. The Department considers all other declarations to be misleading. Penalties can be applied to those found failing to comply with this requirement.

EAN 2015/13 required that the consignment number (LNC) be included in each declaration made. This is no longer required provided that each animal is identified by their individual NLIS number for cattle or relevant identification numbers for other species.

### **Instructions**

- A declaration must be completed by pregnancy testers attesting compliance with the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL) as outlined in Table 1 below.
- The pregnancy test results must be provided against the NLIS identification number for cattle or relevant identification numbers for other species, for all animals being pregnancy tested. There is no need for the consignment number to be included in the declaration.
- If more than one pregnancy tester has been employed, a declaration from each tester must be provided.
- The exporter must keep all declarations made. For exporters without an approved arrangement they must provide these to the department for each consignment. In addition,

if an AAV does not perform physical examination but has other pregnancy testers working under him/her to carry out this work, both the AAV and exporter must hold all the declarations made by the pregnancy testers who have physically examined the animals. In order to comply with the requirements, the AAV must include the following statement:

*I, [Name of veterinarian], declare that I hold all the declarations made by the pregnancy testers who have physically examined the animals in the attached list and I declare that all procedures have been carried out in accordance with ASEL requirements.*

The following table provides the ASEL standards for market and species specific requirements for pregnancy testing. These standards also include the qualifications required for veterinarians who carry out pregnancy testing:

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Table 1 – ASEL standards for pregnancy testing

Transport	Species	Class	ASEL Standard	Who can carry out testing
Sea	Cattle/ Buffalo	Feeder/Slaughter	Standard 1.9 (c) (d) and (e)	Veterinarian or competent pregnancy tester
	Cattle/ Buffalo	Breeder	Standard 1.10	Australian Cattle Veterinarian member who is accredited National Cattle Pregnancy Diagnosis Scheme tester
	Sheep/ Goats	Feeder/Slaughter	Standard 1.11	Person able to demonstrate a suitable level of experience and skill
	Sheep/ Goats	Breeder	Standard 1.13	Person able to demonstrate a suitable level of experience and skill
	Alpacas/ Llamas	Breeder	Standard 1. 13A	Veterinarian with demonstrable current experience in camelid pregnancy diagnosis

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	Deer	Feeder/Slaughter	Standard 1. 14	Person able to demonstrate a suitable level of experience and skill
	Deer	Breeder	Standard 1.14A	Person able to demonstrate a suitable level of experience and skill
Air	Cattle/ Buffalo	Breeder	Standard 6.6 and Standard 6.7	Australian Cattle Veterinarian member who is accredited National Cattle Pregnancy Diagnosis Scheme tester
	Alpacas/ Llamas	Breeder	Standard 6.6 and Standard 6.7	Veterinarian with demonstrable current experience in camelid pregnancy diagnosis
	All species other than Cattle, buffalo, sheep and goats	Breeder	Standard 6.6 and Standard 6.7	Person able to demonstrate a suitable level of experience and skill
	Cattle/ Buffalo	Feeder/Slaughter	Standard 6.6 A	Veterinarian
	Damara sheep	Feeder/Slaughter	Standard 6.6B and Standard 6.8 (a)	Person able to demonstrate a suitable level of experience and skill
	Sheep/Goats	Feeder/Slaughter	Standard 6.8	Person able to demonstrate a suitable level of experience and skill