



EXPORT ADVISORY NOTICE – 2017-15		8 November 2017
Title:	The export of cattle or buffalo with long horns - revised	
Species:	Cattle and buffalo	
Country:	All countries	
For information:	1. Livestock Exporters 2. Australian Government Accredited Veterinarians (AAV) 3. Registered Premises 4. LiveCorp/ALEC 5. Departmental Officers	

Purpose

To advise exporters of the conditions under which a 'long horn management plan' is required for the export of cattle and buffalo, and the minimum requirements of such a plan.

Background/ Key points

The Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock version 2.3 2011 (ASEL) requires that, unless approved by the department:

- cattle sourced for export must not have horns longer than 12cm and horns must be tipped (blunt) – s1.15(a)
- buffalo must not have horns longer than the spread of the ears – s1.15(b).

Cattle and buffalo with horns that meet ASEL requirements are called 'short horns'. Cattle and buffalo with horns greater than the ASEL requirements, are called 'long horns'.

To export cattle or buffalo with horns longer than the ASEL requirements, exporters must submit a long horn management plan to the department and have it approved before preparing animals for export.

The department will consider long horn management plan applications for the export of:

- cattle with tipped (blunt) horns no wider than 60cm between the outermost edges of the horns
- buffalo with tipped (blunt) horns that extend no further than 5cm from the outermost edge of the ears.

The department will NOT consider long horn management plan applications for the export of:

- cattle with horns wider than 60cm between the outermost edges of the horns
- buffalo with horns that extend further than 5cm from the outermost edge of the ears.

Applications to export these animals will only be considered on a case-by-case basis for individual consignments.

Regardless of any approved long horn management plan, the regional veterinary officer certifying the consignment has the delegation under subparagraph 1A.30(1)(g) and (h) of the *Export Control (Animals) Order 2004*, to make the final decision on the eligibility of cattle or buffalo for export.

Instructions

Exporters seeking to export cattle or buffalo with long horns must have;

- a long horn management plan that meets the minimum requirements stated in this EAN
- the plan approved by the department prior to submitting a NOI for a consignment containing long horn cattle or buffalo.

Minimum long horn management plan requirements

A long horn management plan must include details of how the exporter will manage the additional animal welfare risks and considerations associated with the export of long horn cattle or buffalo, including the following:

- aggressive behaviour
- access to food and water at the premises and on the vessel/aircraft
- livestock movement through ramps, raceways or lanes onto and on vessels
- treatment of sharp horns
- appropriate segregation, and
- additional penning and loading space requirements.

The segregation and additional space requirements for horned cattle or buffalo are as follows:

Segregation requirements	Additional space per animal - export by sea	Additional space per animal – export by air
All long horns	30%	10% as required by ASEL appendix 6.1.1(2)(f)
All short horns	Nil	10% as required by ASEL appendix 6.1.1(2)(f)
Short horns and long horns	30%	10% as required by ASEL appendix 6.1.1(2)(f)
Long horns and no horns (polled)	Cannot be penned together. Must be segregated.	Cannot be crated together. Must be segregated.
Short horns and no horns (polled) as allowed by ASEL s2.10(e) (cattle only)	Nil	10% as required by ASEL appendix 6.1.1(2)(f)

Note, that buffalo with horns of any length cannot be penned or loaded with buffalo that do not have horns.

Exporters with an existing approved long horn management plan will need to review their plan to ensure it complies with the requirements of this EAN. If amendments are necessary, the exporter must amend their long horn management plan and submit it to the department for approval. Approval must be received prior to invoking the long horn management plan for any new consignments after the publication of this EAN (NOIs that have already been submitted on TRACE are exempt). Compliance will be checked at audit.

Exporters without an existing approved long horn management plan will not be able to prepare long horn cattle or buffalo for export. Exporters must prepare a long horn management plan that addresses the requirements of this EAN and have the plan approved by the department prior to preparing any export consignments containing long horn cattle or buffalo.

When preparing a consignment

Where long horn cattle or buffalo are to be exported under an approved long horn management plan, this must be reflected in the relevant Consignment Specific Export Plan (CSEP) for exporters with an approved arrangement, and in the Consignment Risk Management Plan (CRMP) for small and infrequent exporters. The application for export permit and health certificate must also indicate if a long horn management plan has been invoked. This application form is mandatory for all consignments and can be found on the department's website:

agriculture.gov.au/export/controlled-goods/live-animals/livestock/information-exporters-industry/forms

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