



EXPORT ADVISORY NOTICE – 2018-12		1 November 2018
Title:	Changes to conditions for the export of sheep by sea to the Middle East from 1 November 2018	
Species:	Sheep	
Country:	All	
For information	[1] Livestock Exporters [2] LiveCorp [3] ALEC [4] Australian Government Accredited Veterinarians [5] Registered Premises Operators [6] Department of Agriculture and Water Resources Officers	

Purpose

To inform the industry and holders of export licences of the introduction of the [Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry \(Export of Sheep by Sea to Middle East – Northern Winter\) Order 2018](#) (the Order), which will take effect as of 1 November 2018.

Key points

This export advisory notice revises the information provided on 5 October 2018 regarding conditions to be applied to all consignments of sheep to the Middle East during the Northern Winter.

After consideration of ongoing animal welfare requirements and risk of heat stress during the Northern Winter (that is, from 1 November to 30 April), the Order has been implemented to apply the following conditions to consignments of sheep to the Middle East (including through the Persian Gulf and Red Sea):

Increase in pen space area by 17.5 per cent for each sheep

Minimum pen area per head on the vessel, as required by the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL) has been increased by 17.5 per cent. This requirement will take effect as of 1 November 2018 until 1 April 2019 or until implementation of the revised ASEL, whichever is sooner.

The table at **Attachment A** lists the minimum pen area per head of sheep required by the Order.

Automatic live-stock watering systems

Vessels must be equipped with automatic livestock watering systems that have water receptacles at a height suitable for the sheep.

Vessel pen air turnover (PAT)

PAT scores of vessels must be independently verified by a qualified mechanical engineer.

Whistleblower hotline posters

Approved whistleblower hotline posters are displayed in accordance with requirements approved by the Secretary

- on or at all premises (including registered premises and ports) where sheep were prepared or held
- on the vessel in which the sheep are to be transported

and continue to be displayed in accordance with the requirements approved in writing by the Secretary.

Instructions

All consignments of sheep to the Middle East (including through the Persian Gulf and Red Sea) departing on or after 1 November 2018 must comply with the requirements of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of Sheep by Sea to Middle East – Northern Winter) Order 2018.



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