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Improving Agricultural Export Legislation

Incorporating related reforms



The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources is modernising agricultural export legislation, making it more flexible to ensure Australia can meet its future trade demands.

Ongoing legislative developments form a part of the agricultural export environment and are necessary to ensure export laws remain current and effective.

The revision of the export legislation will incorporate recent reforms and will allow for future improvements to be accommodated as needed. The outcome is more responsive legislation, able to better meet current and future importing requirements.

The improved legislation will be implemented prior to 1 April 2020.

What's being incorporated

Livestock export certification reforms

Livestock certification reforms will be included in the improved legislation.

As of 1 January 2017, all livestock exporters are required to have entered into an approved arrangement with the department to export livestock under the Export Control (Animals) Order 2004.

This reform creates consistency with other export commodities that already operate under approved arrangements, including meat, dairy, eggs and fish exports.

Find out more at agriculture.gov.au/export/controlled-goods/live-animals.

Key points

- We're modernising agricultural export legislation, making it more flexible to ensure Australia can meet future trade demands.
- The improved legislation will allow for the smooth implementation of future reforms, without impacting those already underway.
- Recent reforms that will be incorporated into the improved legislation include:
 - livestock export certification reforms
 - consolidation of quota administration regulation
 - reform of cost recovery arrangements
- The improved legislation will be implemented before 1 April 2020.
- Register your interest in updates at: agriculture.gov.au/export-regulation-review.



Consolidation of regulation regarding quota administration

Consolidation of quota administration regulation will also be incorporated into the improved exporting framework.

A Regulation Impact Statement is currently being drafted to determine if quota systems can be streamlined and the legislation further consolidated.

Find out more at agriculture.gov.au/export/from-australia/quota.

Reform of cost recovery arrangements

New fees and charges came into effect on 1 December 2015.

The reforms aligned Australia's export certification system with an efficient and effective cost recover model, which is consistent with the *Australian Government Cost Recovery Guidelines*.

As these arrangements have recently been subject to reforms, further amendments to the fees and charges fall outside the scope of this project. The recently updated arrangements will nonetheless be incorporated into the new Bill.

Find out more at agriculture.gov.au/fees/cost-recovery.

Benefits to exporters of incorporating reforms

Developing and implementing improvements to the agricultural export legislation will continue to allow for the recognition of established requirements and standards, including the above reforms. This will support new and ongoing reforms into the future.

