

## **Livestock export licences and livestock export approved arrangements**

The Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports is undertaking a review to examine the effectiveness and efficiency of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment's (the department) requirements, management and decision making processes for livestock export licences and livestock export approved arrangements.

A livestock exporter must hold a livestock export licence. To apply for a licence, the exporter must meet certain criteria set out in the *Export Control Act 2020* and the *Export Control (Animals) Rules 2021*. The department is responsible for approving all livestock export licences.

All livestock exporters require an approved arrangement framework to be able to export livestock. An approved arrangement is submitted by the exporter and is approved by the department. An approved arrangement details the exporter's export operations for livestock. The arrangements must ensure exported livestock meet:

- the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL)
- importing country requirements
- relevant government regulations
- other requirements outlined in the approved arrangements guidelines.

The department approves the arrangements under the *Export Control Act 2020* and *Export Control (Animals) Rules 2021*.

### **In scope**

The scope of this review covers the department's requirements and activities for approving livestock export licences and livestock export approved arrangements, and will consider:

- if approved arrangements are effective in achieving intended outcomes, such as reducing 'red tape'
- decision making process for export licences
- approved export programs
- compliance management and regulatory responses, including sanctions
- export licence decision making timeframes
- approved arrangement audit requirements and processes
- effectiveness of approved arrangement audits
- how approved arrangements give effect to ASEL
- the roles and responsibilities of persons directly responsible for holding an export licence and or managing an approved arrangement
- the extent to which current requirements support the mitigation and management of departmental risks, industry risks and animal health and welfare risks
- the department's processes for engagement and consultation with industry.

## **Out of scope**

This review will not examine:

- approved arrangements not specific to livestock exports
- cost recovery of approved arrangements.

## **Preparing your submission**

Prior to making a submission it is recommended that you consider the scope of the review above; submissions that address topics outside of the scope may not be considered further.

When making a submission, the inclusion of specific examples or data, where possible, will assist the inspector-general. Submissions are not required to meet a defined format or length, but you should include a summary of your key comments if the submission is greater than three pages.

## **Contact**

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