



MARKET ACCESS ADVICE

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Republic of Korea: Updates to multiple health certificates for meat, meat products and animal inedible products

Att.	Industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry bodies – AMIC, AUS -MEAT, MLA, AMPC, APL, ANSCA, JBS Primo, GWF, WIA, ACWEP, PFIAA, FIAAA • Export Establishments • Licensed exporters 	
	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central and regional offices • ATMs and FOMs • OPVs and meat inspection staff • Veterinary and Export Meat Group • Audit and Assurance Group • Certification Management Group 	
Affected markets		Republic of Korea	
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This Market Access Advice (MAA) provides information on updates to certification for meat and meat products as well as specific animal inedible products exported to the Republic of Korea (ROK).

The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (department) has finalised negotiations with ROK’s Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (APQA) to update certification for meat and meat products exported from Australia to ROK. The changes affect commodities covered by the mutually agreed Australia-ROK ‘Import Health Requirements for Australian Cloven-Hoofed Animals and their Products’ (Cloven-Hoof Protocol).

A key update relates to the **E188** certificate template (Official Certificate With Respect to Meat, Meat Products and Edible Offal for Export to Republic of Korea). In order to future proof trade against potential disease incursions, a new certificate template, the **E188A**, has been generated to incorporate the following statement on the certificate; ‘The country disease-free status and vaccination attestations made above are only applicable to susceptible species’. The **E188A** certificate template should be used for all commodities, except deer and casings products, which were previously exported on the E188 certificate template.

Note: As negotiations continue for deer and casings products, these commodities should continue to use the **E188** certificate template.

In addition, reference to the department’s name in the signature block of a number of certificates for commodities covered by the Cloven-Hoof Protocol has been reinstated. This was requested by APQA following the implementation of Australia’s new export legislation in March 2021. Further, some of the additional endorsements relating to Halal and temperature requirements have also been amended to ensure consistency across certificates. These changes are administrative in nature and the

requirements on the certificates have not changed. Please note that exporters will need to manually select the appropriate additional endorsements for products on the E188A certificate template and there will be no defaults in the department's Export Documentation System (EXDOC).

A summary of affected certificates and changes is provided in [Attachment 1](#). Updated certificates will be issued from **7 October 2021**. The department is continuing to work with APQA to update a number of additional animal inedible product certificates covered by the Cloven-Hoof Protocol. The department will issue another MAA when these changes are agreed.

The [Manual of Importing Country Requirements \(Micor\)](#) will be updated to reflect this advice. The department encourages users of Micor to subscribe to the [Micor update service](#) to remain informed on changes to importing country requirements.

The department encourages all exporters to work with their importer to ensure that product meets the current importing country requirements.

This advice has been prepared in consultation with industry.

The information provided above is current at the time of writing and is intended for use as guidance only and should not be taken as definitive or exhaustive. The Commonwealth endeavours to keep information current and accurate, however, it may be subject to change without notice. Exporters are encouraged to verify these details with their importers prior to undertaking production/exports. The Commonwealth will not accept liability for any loss resulting from reliance on information contained in this notice.

Attachment 1: Summary of affected certificates and changes

Certificate	Commodity	Changes made to certificate
E188	Deer and casings products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstated departmental signature block
E188A (with endorsement 506)	Non-Halal meat and meat products derived from cloven hoofed animals (excluding deer and casings products)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstated departmental signature block Transferred to new E188A certificate with disease specific statement Unified statement across all non-Halal cloven hoofed species
E188A (with endorsement 5224)	Halal meat and meat products derived from cloven hoofed animals (excluding deer and casings products)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstated departmental signature block Transferred to new E188A certificate with disease specific statement Unified statement across all cloven-hoofed species for Halal
E188A with endorsement 5156	Non-Halal frozen meat products containing egg derived from cloven hoofed animals (excluding deer and casings products)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstated departmental signature block Transferred to new E188A certificate with disease specific statement Unified statement across all cloven-hoofed species for non-Halal products Unified temperature treatment statement
E188A (with endorsement 5222)	Halal frozen meat products containing egg derived from cloven hoofed animals (excluding deer and casings products)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstated departmental signature block Transferred to new E188A certificate with disease specific statement Unified statement across all cloven-hoofed species for non-Halal products Unified temperature treatment statement
Z495	Wool, including greasy wool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstated departmental signature block
M548	Processed, semi processed pet food and pet meat (excluding sterilised products)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstated departmental signature block
M547	Sterilised pet food products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstated departmental signature block