



EXPORT ADVISORY NOTICE – 2017-11		14 September 2017
Title:	Requirements for discharge of livestock in Israel	
Species:	All livestock	
Country:	Israel	
For information:	Livestock Exporters LiveCorp ALEC Australian Government Accredited Veterinarians Livecorp Accredited Stockman Department officers	

Purpose

To advise all exporters of additional requirements for discharging livestock in Israel.

Background

Since 2013 the department has investigated five Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS) non-compliance reports about the discharge of livestock from vessels in Israel. The results of these investigations, including the department's regulatory actions, are published on the department's website at www.agriculture.gov.au/export/controlled-goods/live-animals/livestock/regulatory-framework/compliance-investigations/investigations-regulatory-compliance (see reports #15, #16, #30, #103 and #136).

As a result of reports in 2013 the department introduced requirements that the shipboard Australian Government Accredited Veterinarian (AAV) must supervise the discharge of livestock, and the end of voyage report must include information on the livestock handling practices employed during discharge. The purpose of these requirements is for exporters to demonstrate actions, processes and systems are in place to mitigate the risk of non-compliance during discharge. Exporters were advised of these requirements with approval of each consignment.

Further reports, during 2016 and 2017, showed inconsistency in the application of these requirements. The department has reminded existing exporters to Israel of these requirements.

Instructions

Exporters must ensure the following requirements are met:

1. The shipboard AAV is responsible for directly supervising (or ensuring an accredited stockman directly supervises) the discharge of all livestock at all ports in Israel.

2. The end of voyage report must include information on the livestock handling practices employed during discharge at all ports in Israel, including who supervised and when, issues identified, and how they were managed/rectified.

The following is a condition of ESCAS:

Exporters must notify the department in writing within five working days of becoming aware, or receiving information that suggests animal welfare standards provided for in ESCAS have not, or may not have, been met in relation to an individual animal or animals exported to the supply chain(s).

Exporters must ensure any animal welfare incidents during discharge in Israel are reported to LAE.Compliance@agriculture.gov.au. This includes incidents where immediate and effective corrective action has been taken.

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