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Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

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Purpose

To clearly identify who is responsible for issuing health status documentation to meet importing country requirements as part of the export certification process.

Background

AQIS is responsible for issuing export certification in accordance with export legislation and importing country requirements. As part of the process of issuing certification AQIS reviews health status documentation prepared by the State and Territory Departments of Primary Industry or Agriculture and by the vendor.

AQIS and the State and Territory departments involved in livestock export have confirmed which authority is responsible for providing health status documentation.

State and Territory notifiable disease lists contain all the diseases in the national notifiable disease list and can include others specific to that state or territory. The requirement to report notifiable disease is contained in individual state and territory legislation.

Instructions

1. As part of the export certification process AQIS is responsible for issuing **country** freedom certification when the importing country requirements specify 'Australia is free from...'
2. The State and Territory Departments of Primary Industry or Agriculture are responsible for providing **property** health status documentation for endemic or exotic diseases if they are notifiable in the State or Territory.
3. The State and Territory Departments of Primary Industry or Agriculture are responsible for providing **property** or **regional** health status documentation for recognised national or state monitoring or control programs.

4. The vendor is responsible for providing **property of origin** health status documentation for non notifiable diseases and for the **residency period** of the animals to be exported to cover any time period identified in the importing country protocol.
5. The exporter is responsible for obtaining appropriate documentation that meets the importing country requirements from the State / Territory Department of Primary Industry or Agriculture and the vendor for presentation to AQIS.

The different roles are set out in the following table.

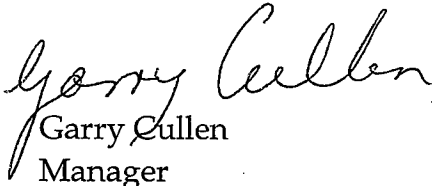
| Type of Disease | Responsibility for property documentation |
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| Notifiable Diseases | |
| Country freedom for Australia | AQIS |
| Property health status documentation where required by importing country and the disease is exotic to Australia | State or Territory DPI/Dept. Ag. |
| Property health status documentation and the disease is endemic in Australia | State or Territory DPI/Dept. Ag. |
| Regional health status documentation and the disease is endemic in Australia | State or Territory DPI/Dept. Ag. |
| Recognised National Program / State Monitoring or Control | |
| Property health status documentation required ¹ | State or Territory DPI/Dept. Ag. |
| Regional health status documentation required ² | State or Territory DPI/Dept. Ag. |
| Non-notifiable Diseases | |
| Property of origin health status documentation required (where there is no recognised National Program / State Monitoring or Control). | Based on Vendor Dec |
| Regional health status documentation required (where there is no recognised National Program / State Monitoring or Control). | Not able to be certified |

¹ Examples of recognised National Program / State Monitoring or Control for property health status documentation are (but not limited to):

- the NAMP program - *"The property is located in the bluetongue free zone"*
- *Brucella ovis* accreditation program.

²Examples of recognised National Program / State Monitoring or Control used to issue property documentation based on regional health status are (but not limited to):

- the NAMP program *"The property is in a region that is free of bluetongue"*
- the NAMP program *"The property is in a region that is free of bovine ephemeral fever"*
- the monitoring for BJD in the States / Territories that are free of BJD.



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