



Australian Government

Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

EXPORT ADVISORY NOTICE – 2010 - 01		13 January 2010	
Title:	Memorandum of Understanding with Bahrain		
Species:	Cattle and Sheep		
Country:	Bahrain	File No.	
Relevant to:	1. AQIS Live Animal Export Officers 2. Livestock Exporters 3. LiveCorp 4. AQIS Accredited Veterinarians		

Purpose

1. To advise that the Governments of The Kingdom of Bahrain and Australia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the trade in live animals.
2. To advise on the process and time frame for implementing the new requirements of the MoU for slaughter cattle and sheep exported from Australia to Bahrain.

Background

On 16 November 2009 the Governments of The Kingdom of Bahrain and Australia signed a MoU on the trade in live animals. The MoU applies to all consignments of sheep and cattle exported to Bahrain, departing Australia on or after 1 February 2010. There are a number of requirements in the MoU that exporters and AQIS live animal export officers need to be aware of, including:

- a. Revised health requirements for both slaughter cattle and slaughter sheep (as attached).
- b. A requirement for Animal Wealth Department (AWD) in the Kingdom of Bahrain to issue an import permit for all consignments of cattle and sheep exported to Bahrain.
- c. For shipments containing consignments to be unloaded at multiple ports, there is a preference for Bahrain to NOT be the first port of call. AQIS must notify AWD if Bahrain is scheduled to be the first port of call.

Instructions

1. For all consignments of sheep and cattle exported to Bahrain, departing Australia on or after 1 February 2010 exporters must:

- a. Submit an NOI and CRMP that demonstrates that the animals will meet the new importing country health requirements.
 - b. Ensure that an import permit is obtained from AWD and is presented to AQIS prior to export.
 - c. Ensure that the NOI list the ports of discharge in the correct order. If the order of discharge changes after the vessel has departed Australia and Bahrain becomes the first port of call, the exporter must ensure that the importer in Bahrain has notified AWD of the change. This information must also be included in the CRMP.
2. For all consignments of sheep and cattle exported to Bahrain, departing Australia on or after 1 February 2010 AQIS must:
- a. Notify AWD if Bahrain is scheduled to be the first port of call for the vessel no less than 5-7 days prior to the loading of the vessel in Australia.
 - b. Confirm that all sheep and cattle exported to Bahrain are prepared under the new health requirements and issue health certification meeting these requirements.

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Attachment 1: Health Requirements for Slaughter Sheep

1. Australia is free of Foot and Mouth Disease, Rinderpest, Peste des Petits Ruminants, Sheep Scab, Goat Pox, Sheep Pox, Warble Fly, Rabies, *Brucella melitensis* and Contagious Caprine Pleuropneumonia.
2. The sheep:
 - Showed no clinical signs of anthrax on the day of shipment; and
 - Were from a property (s) prior to shipment in an establishment where no case of anthrax was officially declared during the 20 days prior to export or were vaccinated, not less than 20 days and not more than 6 months prior to shipment
3. The animals have been held in isolation for at least three days, and were examined by a government accredited veterinary officer within 48 hours prior to shipment and showed no clinical signs of disease.
4. The decks and compartments used for transporting the ruminants and storing feed have been thoroughly cleaned.

Attachment 2: Health Requirements for Slaughter Cattle

5. Australia is free from:
 - a. Foot-and-Mouth Disease;
 - b. Rinderpest;
 - c. Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia;
 - d. Rabies;
 - e. Haemorrhagic septicaemia;
 - f. Bovine brucellosis;
 - g. Bovine tuberculosis;
 - h. Bovine spongiform encephalopathy; AND
 - i. Screw-Worm fly.
6. Anthrax is a notifiable disease in Australia. The animals showed no clinical signs of anthrax on the day of export and the animals either:
 - originated from a property or properties free from anthrax for the twenty (20) days prior to export;or
 - were vaccinated against anthrax not less than twenty (20) days and not more than six (6) months prior to export.
7. The property of origin either:
 - is located in a zone free from cattle tick and tick borne diseases and the cattle are free from evidence of cattle ticks;or
 - the cattle have been treated for ticks and are free from evidence of ticks.
8. The animals were examined during the 48 hours prior to loading for export and were found free from evidence of diseases and fit to travel.
9. The decks and compartments used for transporting the ruminants and storing feed have been thoroughly cleaned.