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Market access notice 2023/04

Export of breeder cattle to Vietnam

Species: Cattle

Classification(s): Breeder

Market(s): Vietnam

Attention

- Licenced livestock exporters
- Australian Government accredited veterinarians
- Meat and Livestock Australia
- LiveCorp
- Australian Livestock Exporters' Council
- Departmental staff

Purpose

To provide advice to licenced livestock exporters preparing consignments of breeder cattle for export to Vietnam.

Key points

- The Department, through its Counsellor (Agriculture) based at the Australian Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam has confirmed the import arrangements for consignments of breeder cattle exported from Australia.
- The Vietnamese authority, the Department of Animal Health (DAH), issues letters of authorisation (equivalent to an import permit) to prospective importers allowing them to import and quarantine consignments of breeder cattle from Australia.
- As an efficiency measure, DAH may no longer issue import health conditions attached to letters of authorisation.
- The import health requirements for breeder cattle to Vietnam are as set out on the relevant Manual of Importing Country Requirements (MICOR) entry.

Instructions

- 1) Exporters of breeder cattle to Vietnam must prepare the animals for export in accordance with the relevant MICOR entry and their Approved Arrangement/Approved Export Program.

- 2) An exporter seeking to prepare breeder cattle for export to Vietnam in a manner different to the relevant MICOR entry must provide written advice from DAH, in Vietnamese and with a NAATI accredited English translation (or equivalent) confirming the arrangement.

Background

The import health conditions for breeder cattle to Vietnam are not agreed government-to-government.

There is a long-standing trade in this commodity, from Australia, by air and sea based on letters of authorisation issued by DAH.

Letters of authorisation issued for recent consignments have not consistently included the relevant import health conditions.

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