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Livestock import permits – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Species: All livestock

Classification(s): Breeder, feeder, slaughter

Market(s): Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Attention

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

Purpose

To reiterate to exporters the need to provide import permits for consignments of livestock destined to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) when submitting a Notice of intention to export (NOI) to enable the department to formally clarify any additional import requirements.

Key points

- Import permits recently presented for livestock destined to KSA have included additional import requirements that are not in agreed protocols and cannot be met.
- To enable consignments to proceed for export, on a consignment-by-consignment basis, the department has written to the KSA authority to clarify additional import requirements and confirm any necessary measures to be taken and additional certification.
- Clarifying import requirements government-to-government can take time and the approval of an NOI and the export of a consignment is not possible until any clarifying response is received.

Instructions

- 1) All consignments of livestock destined to KSA require an import permit accompanied by a NAATI accredited translation if not in English.
- 2) Exporters of livestock to KSA must submit all import permits that they intend to use for a consignment at the time of NOI submission to enable the department to formally clarify any additional import requirements.

- 3) The department will inform exporters in writing of any necessary additional pre-export preparations and certification required.
- 4) Should an exporter submit a new import permit after NOI approval and before export then the consignment may not be able to proceed for export until any additional import requirements are clarified.

Background

- KSA import permits are issued by the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture and include a serial number, date of issue, quick-response code (QR Code) and a list of general conditions.
 - A screenshot of the KSA permit issuing system which may include details of an issued import permit is not an import permit.

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