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Accreditation of Australian Government Accredited Veterinarians and Accredited Stockpersons

Species: All livestock by sea

Countries: All

Attention

- Animals Australia
- Australian Government Accredited Veterinarians
- Australian Livestock Exporters Council
- LiveCorp
- Livestock Exporters
- Meat and Livestock Australia
- Registered Premise Operators
- RSPCA

Purpose

To provide clarification about the department's requirements for accredited stockpersons and Australian Government Accredited Veterinarians (AAVs) on livestock vessels and to provide information about options for stockperson and AAV accreditation.

Key points

- It is a requirement under the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock that all livestock voyages are accompanied by an accredited stockperson.
- AAVs will continue to be required as described in [EAN 2016-14](#).
- To assist with workforce supply, LiveCorp has made arrangements for an alternative pathway to stockperson accreditation, where a person can demonstrate appropriate skills and experience.
- The department will fast-track any applications for accreditation as an AAV.

Instructions

- 1) Exporters should contact the department early to understand the AAV requirements for their consignment.
- 2) Exporters who have identified skilled and experienced stockpersons who are not currently accredited should contact LiveCorp directly to discuss the alternative accreditation pathways available and how to apply. A person does not need to be an Australian citizen to be an accredited stockperson.
- 3) New AAV applications, or applications to vary existing AAV accreditation to include shipboard services, should be submitted to the department in the usual way. Please advise if you need the department to fast-track assessment. The department can also provide advice to prospective AAVs around the requirements for completing the online training modules through Animal Health Australia.

Background

Livestock exporters have informed the department that it is becoming increasingly difficult to source accredited stockpersons and Australian Government Accredited Veterinarians (AAVs) due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions.



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