

Animal Health Act 1995

DPIPWE Tasmania

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NOTES ON COMPLETING FORMS

PERSONAL PRIVACY

Personal information will be collected from you for the purpose of regulating the importation of livestock and will be used by DPIPWE for ensuring the livestock meet the import requirements of the Animal Health Act 1995. Failure to provide this information may result in entry of the livestock being refused. Your personal information will be used for the primary purpose for which it is collected, and may be disclosed to courts and other agencies authorised to collect it. Your basic personal information may be disclosed to other public sector bodies where necessary, for the efficient storage and use of the information. Personal information will be managed in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act 2004 and may be accessed by the individual to whom it relates on request to DPIPWE. You may be charged a fee for this service.

WEEDS

The Tasmanian Plant Quarantine Act 1997 prohibits the entry of declared weeds. All livestock landed in Tasmania must be free of declared weeds (including their seeds). Any person allowing the importation of declared weeds into Tasmania may be fined \$1,100 on the spot or up to \$12,000 if the case is tried in court. Sheep and goats with a hair coat exceeding 25 mm in length will need to be accompanied by a Shearing Exemption.

NLIS IDENTIFICATION

All cattle entering Tasmania must be identified with a Breeder or Post-Breeder ear tag or device that is approved by the National Livestock Identification Scheme (NLIS). **The NLIS numbers of all imported cattle must be transferred on the NLIS database to the Tasmanian destination PIC within 7 days of arrival.**

All sheep and goats entering Tasmania must be identified using an ear tag or device that is approved by the National Livestock Identification Scheme (NLIS).

All pigs must be identified by a tattoo or other means approved by the *Animal (Brands and Movement) Act 1984*.

BREACHES OF IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

Any person involved with the importation, including carriers may be regarded as the “importer” of the animals, and if correct documentation is not presented on arrival in Tasmania additional charges may be incurred. In some circumstances an Infringement Notice under the Animal Health Act 1995 will be issued - two penalty units (approximately \$314) for individuals or ten penalty units (approximately \$1570) for a company. Serious offences will be prosecuted and may result in a fine not exceeding 100 penalty units (individuals), 500 penalty units (corporations) or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 12 months, or both

ANIMAL WELFARE

All parties involved in the importation of livestock should comply with the Animal Welfare Guideline – Transport of Livestock Across Bass Strait. Non-compliance with this guideline may result in a breach of the Animal Welfare Act 1993 which attracts a fine or prosecution.

NOTIFIABLE ANIMAL DISEASES AND CONDITIONS IN TASMANIA

A full list of all notifiable diseases for Tasmania is located on: <http://dpiipwe.tas.gov.au/biosecurity/animal-biosecurity/animal-health/notifiable-animal-diseases>

VENDOR DECLARATIONS

All cattle, sheep, goats and pigs entering Tasmania must be accompanied by a completed National Vendor Declaration.