

EXPLANATORY NOTES – NATIONAL VENDOR DECLARATION (SHEEP AND LAMBS) AND WAYBILL

The Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) National Vendor Declaration (LPA NVD) underpins Australia's meat and livestock food safety reputation.

When you sign Part A of an LPA NVD, you are sharing information on livestock history and declaring compliance with all LPA requirements (www.mla.com.au/lpa).

LPA accredited producers must provide an LPA NVD for any movement of stock – to processors, to saleyards or between properties - if they have different Property Identification Codes (PICs). They must also request a correctly completed NVD or post sale summary when buying sheep.

When transporting livestock, a waybill is required by law in all States except Victoria. Part B of this document satisfies these State requirements, except in the Northern Territory (NT). The NT only accepts the NT waybill as its mandatory movement document.

Your responsibility

All answers must be accurate. Any false, misleading or unverified statements may result in prosecution or civil action. Before signing you must be absolutely satisfied that you understand and have correctly completed all parts of the LPA NVD.

The document is in triplicate.

- **Top (white) sheet:** Purchaser copy.
- **Middle (green) sheet:** Carrier copy.
- **Bottom (pink) sheet:** Vendor copy. MUST be filed for auditing purposes.

*If you rely on the document to verify future claims about purchased stock, then the stock should be identifiable against their accompanying document.

The following notes assist in accurately completing the LPA NVD:

PART A

Part A must be completed by the owner of the sheep or person responsible for their husbandry.

Address and Property Identification Code (PIC) / place where the journey commenced

Make sure the pre-printed PIC on this LPA NVD is the PIC that the sheep are being moved from. If the stock are being moved from a different property (e.g. on agistment), you must obtain an LPA NVD from the owner of that property.

If the sheep are loaded from a different property for the purpose of access to yards or loading facilities, do

not record the PIC of the property on which the sheep were loaded.

Description of sheep

All PICs on sheep ear tags, or brands in WA, must be listed. Alternatively, a pink post-breeder tag may be attached to every animal. Eartnotching, tattooing or distinctive nose or head raddled may be used for other identification purposes. You are required to state which option you have chosen to identify PICs within the consignment. For consignments that require more lines to describe the stock, complete the Attachment to the LPA NVD. The total number of sheep being sold must be included on the original LPA NVD.

Consigned to

Include the name and full physical address of the person and/or company the sheep are being consigned to.

Destination

If different to the 'consigned to' address, include the full physical address of the destination of the sheep or lambs.

Electronic NLIS (Sheep) tags

Where electronic NLIS (Sheep) tags have been used, vendors do not need to visually inspect tags, record tag PICs on their NVD or use pink transaction tags, if the tags on the sheep are registered against the PIC of dispatch on the NLIS database. For more information visit <http://www.mla.com.au/nlis>

Details of other statutory documents

Examples include sheep health statements, permits, additional description sheets, the Attachment to the LPA NVD Form. All additional documentation must be labelled with the corresponding LPA NVD serial number and attached to each copy of the LPA NVD.

Q1. Quality Assurance (QA) program

Include here any independently audited QA program, eg Flockcare.

Q2. Scabby mouth vaccination

If you DON'T KNOW, you must tick NO

Some live export markets require immunity to the Scabby Mouth virus. A Scabby Mouth Vaccination at least 14 days prior to presentation for sale is a requirement to qualify. Only tick YES if you have evidence that the sheep have been treated.

Q3. Ownership

If you DON'T KNOW, you must tick NO

When sending in stock in one lot that are both vendor-bred and non vendor-bred, you must:

- tick NO and answer the subsequent question on how long they have been owned for, or
- use separate LPA NVDs for vendor-bred stock and the non vendor-bred stock.

Q4. Veterinary drugs and chemicals

If you DON'T KNOW, you must tick YES

Veterinary drugs include chemicals administered orally, by injection or to the skin such as antibiotics, vaccines, worm and externally applied insecticides but exclude vitamin and mineral treatments.

Export Slaughter Intervals (ESIs) are the period following treatment when sheep are unsuitable for export processing. Withholding Periods (WHPs) are the period following treatment when sheep are unsuitable for processing for consumption in Australia.

ESIs and WHPs for commonly used vet chemicals registered for use in sheep are available at www.apvma.gov.au/ESI. It is important to check that WHP and ESI information is current.

Information relating to wool WHPs should be answered under Q7 or included in the Attachment to the NVD form.

Q5. Agricultural chemicals

If you DON'T KNOW, you must tick YES

Unacceptable residues in livestock may be present in livestock after consuming conventional stockfeeds, such as pasture, crop, stubble, grain or a prepared stockfeed, previously treated with agricultural chemicals.

If the sheep have consumed feed sprayed or treated in the past 60 days and you are unsure of the WHP or there was no WHP on the label, you must answer YES and provide details. If sheep have been fed purchased feeds within 60 days prior to sale you must answer YES unless you hold commodity (CVD) or by-product (BVD) vendor declarations which confirm that all WHPs have been met.

Q6. Animal fats

Only tick NO if: (a) they were bred on your property and you know they have never been fed feed containing animal fats (b) you have evidence showing that these sheep have never consumed feed containing animal fats.

Acceptable evidence includes an agent's post-sale summary or a signed statement or LPA NVD from the previous owner that declares the animals as 'Saudi eligible', or the animals have not consumed feed containing animal fats.

Q7. Additional information

List any required attached documents, and attach copies of the documents to the original LPA NVD and all copies of the LPA NVD. Examples include the Attachment to the LPA NVD form, sheep health statements, by-product stockfeed list, residue reports and clearances, treatment details.

Declaration

Signing this declaration has legal significance. Regulatory authorities may take legal action, and purchasers may seek damages, if any information in Part A is incorrect. You must be absolutely satisfied you understand all elements of the document, and these explanatory notes.

Restricted Animal Material includes any tissue, blood or other material taken from an animal and any meals derived from animals. Examples include meat and bone meals, blood meal, fish meal, and feather meal. It does not include tallow, gelatine or milk products. www.mla.com.au/lpa

PART B

Part B must be completed by the carrier (or drover where applicable) in the states that require waybills.

This waybill is valid for one journey only, e.g. from vendor's property to saleyard. A separate waybill must be completed for any subsequent journey, e.g. from saleyard to buyer's property.

When more than one truck is carrying the sheep all vehicle registration numbers are to be recorded.

If there is insufficient space to record all the vehicle registration numbers the Attachment to NVD form should be used and attached to all copies of the NVD. Some state regulatory authorities will require a copy of the LPA NVD/ waybill to travel with each individual vehicle. If any information is incorrect regulatory authorities may take legal action.

The Attachment to the NVD form template can be downloaded from www.mla.com.au/lpa

For information about the on-farm requirements of LPA accreditation visit: <http://www.mla.com.au/lpa>