

Victorian Vendor Declaration – Sheep and Goats

Explanatory Notes

General

Answer all items on this Vendor Declaration (VD) form accurately. Any false, misleading or unverified statements may result in prosecution and/or civil action.

The cost of any residue testing required or undertaken in response to information given on the document is a commercial matter between the vendor and the buyer (except where industry funds testing).

Part A

Part A is only to be completed by the owner of the sheep or goats or person responsible for the husbandry of the sheep or goats.

Include the address and Property Identification Code (PIC) of property/place where the journey will commence.

Include the PIC or address of the property to which the sheep or goats are to be taken.

Description of Sheep and Goats

The identification of sheep and goats creates a linkage between the livestock and the information described on this form. All PICs on visually readable NLIS tags attached to the sheep/goats must be listed, especially if the sheep/goats are not vendor bred, are a mixed mob, or are being moved from a property other than their property of birth. Alternatively, a pink post-breeder tag may be attached to every animal.

Where electronic NLIS (Sheep) tags have been used, vendors do not need to visually inspect tags, and record PICs on their VD, or alternatively use pink transaction tags, if the tags on the sheep are registered against the PIC of dispatch on the NLIS database.

Quality Assurance Program (Question 1)

Include here any independently audited QA program, for example Livestock Production Assurance (LPA), that you are a member of.

Scabby Mouth Vaccination (Question 2) (If you don't know, you must tick NO)

Scabby Mouth is a viral disease of sheep that has a short-term effect on livestock. Affected animals generally recover fully in approximately three weeks. Life-long immunity to the virus is generally achieved post recovery.

Ownership (Question 3) (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 either tick "No" and answer the subsequent question on how long they have been owned for, or use a separate document for the vendor bred stock and the non-vendor bred stock.

Veterinary drugs and chemicals (Question 4) as set by APVMA or SAFEMEAT (If you don't know, you must tick Yes)

The APVMA website should be checked for the current requirements for Export Slaughter Intervals (ESI) and Withholding Periods (WHPs) www.apvma.gov.au/ESI Veterinary drugs include chemicals administered orally, by injection or to the skin such as antibiotics, vaccines, worm treatments and externally applied insecticides but exclude vitamin and mineral treatments. ESIs are the period following treatment when sheep or goats are unsuitable for export processing. ESIs are industry standards to ensure export requirements are met.

Agricultural chemicals (Question 5) (If you don't know, you must tick Yes)

This question is important to ensure that sheep and goats do not have unacceptable residues after consuming conventional stockfeeds, such as pasture, crop, stubble, grain or a prepared stockfeed, previously treated with agricultural chemicals. If the answer is "Yes", record all requested details in the space provided. If the sheep or goats have consumed purchased feeds within 60 days prior to sale the vendor should answer "Yes" to this question unless they hold SAFEMEAT endorsed vendor declarations for that feed and those declarations confirm that all required WHPs have been met and/or that the feed complies with all requirements relating to chemical residues through a QA testing program. If any sheep or goats consumed pasture, stubbles or failed crops previously treated with a chemical that has no grazing/fodder WHP on the label, the question should be answered "Yes" and details provided.

Animal Fats (Question 6) (If you don't know, you must tick Yes)

Only declare 'No' if: (a) the sheep or goats were bred on your property and you know they have only been fed grass or supplementary fed with hay, silage, straw, or grain, or; if a commercial or home mixed feed has been used and the label advises no animal fats (such as tallow, and used cooking oils) have been used in the feed mix, or

(b) if you have evidence showing that these particular sheep or goats have never in their lives been fed feed containing animal fats. Acceptable evidence includes an agent's post-sale summary identifying the seller and endorsed with the words 'Saudi Eligible' or a signed statement or LPA NVD endorsed with the words 'Saudi Eligible' from the previous owner or the relevant question on the LPA NVD is answered in a way, that declares Saudi Eligible. Otherwise, you must declare the sheep or goats as being fed feed containing animal fats.

Additional information

Use this section to provide other information on chemical use, animal health status, or commercial matters that are not covered specifically on the form including information relating to specific market eligibility. Additional information can be included on documents attached to the VD.

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. Before signing you must be absolutely satisfied you understand all elements of the document, and these explanatory notes.