

# Fact Sheet: Transferring Livestock on the NLIS Database- Livestock Exporters

*It is vital that livestock can be identified and tracked from their property of birth to slaughter. Traceability- the ability to follow an animal from one point in the supply chain to another- enables monitoring for disease, food safety and underpins protection of Australia's local and international markets.*

## Transferring livestock on the NLIS Database

### Property to Property National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) transfers

The operators of properties receiving cattle, sheep or goats in preparation for live export are required by law to record the movement on the NLIS database within **2 days** of arrival of the livestock onto the property. All movements of cattle, sheep or goats between two different PICs, including to the port and exported (8Es) must be recorded on the NLIS database and are termed Property to Property movements.

Livestock Export companies, operators of quarantine/depot facilities and their contracted agents need to work together to complete NLIS transfers as required. The live exporter, as owner of the livestock, is responsible for the transfers being done correctly.

The following information **must** be uploaded to the NLIS database when cattle, sheep or goats arrive at a property, a port or are exported

- NLIS ID or RFID number for each animal (NLIS tags external and internal numbers)
- PIC of the place where the livestock are moving from
- PIC of the place where the livestock are moving to (EEEEEEEEE for export)
- date of the movement
- vendor declaration serial number

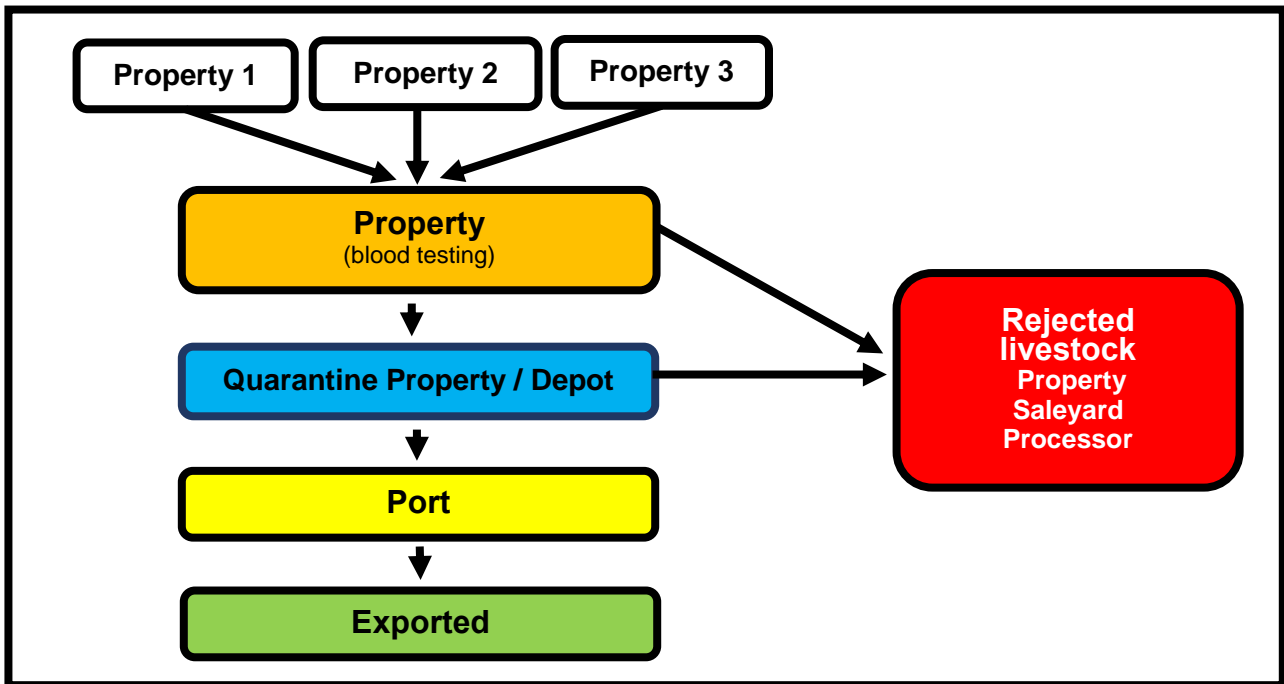
### Live exporter NLIS account

Persons managing NLIS transfers must have a NLIS database account in order to transfer livestock between PIC's. NLIS accounts can be applied for at [www.nlis.com.au](http://www.nlis.com.au) or by calling **1800 654 743**.

Cattle can be transferred in a number of ways on the NLIS database including the use of specifically designed software as an interface.

### Livestock movements related to export

Each arrow indicates where an NLIS transfer is required (movement of livestock to a different PIC), also known as Property to Property transfers.



**Collection, quarantine properties and depots**

Property to Property transfers are required when livestock move between each of these properties if they have a different PIC.



**Ports**

Victorian Port PICs start with a 3PT. All livestock must be transferred on the NLIS database from the previous property or depot to the port where the livestock were loaded onto the vessel or plane. It is important that the port NLIS transfer is completed so the port where the livestock left Australia is known for tracing purposes.



**Exported livestock**

All livestock being exported must be transferred from the port PIC to EEEEEEEEE (8Es) on the NLIS database once they have left the port. This signifies that livestock have been exported. Failure to accurately transfer livestock to EEEEEEEEE results in the livestock being registered against a property PIC on the NLIS database where they will remain as current holdings on that property forever. This does not allow accurate tracing of livestock.



**Rejected animals**

Any livestock that are rejected at any stage along the export process must be transferred on the NLIS database to the correct property PIC within 2 days of their arrival. The only exception is if an animal goes directly to a saleyard or processor where the saleyard managers and processors are responsible for notifying the database. The correct National Vendor Declaration with the correct property of dispatch PIC must be used.

Communication of correct information to the NLIS database is a legal requirement under the Livestock Disease Control Act 1994 and penalties apply for non-compliance.

## CONTACTS

### **Agriculture Victoria Contacts**

Agriculture Victoria NLIS Helpline operates between 9.00am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Phone: 1800 678 779

Website: [www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/nlis](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/nlis)

### **NLIS Database Helpdesk Contacts**

NLIS Ltd operates the NLIS Database Helpdesk from 9am-5pm (Sydney time), Monday-Friday.

Phone: 1800 654 743

Email: [support@nlis.com.au](mailto:support@nlis.com.au)

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