Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of Live-stock to Saudi Arabia) Order 2005

I, NARELLE CLEGG, delegate of the Secretary to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, make these Orders under section 17 of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997.

Dated 17 June 2005

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Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
1 Name of Order

This Order is the Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of Live-stock to Saudi Arabia) Order 2005.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on the day after it is registered.

3 Revocation of Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of Livestock to Saudi Arabia) Order 2003


4 Definitions

In this Order:

**approved training program** means a training program for vaccinators of sheep and goats that has been approved by the Secretary for the purposes of this Order and notified on the AQIS website.

**AQIS** means the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service.

**Saudi Arabia** means the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

**trained vaccinator** means a person who has undertaken an approved training program and in respect of whom a certificate from the training provider is in force that the person is competent to:

(a) administer scabby mouth vaccine to sheep and goats; and

(b) assess the age of sheep and goats; and

(c) compile such records as are required by subsection 6(2).

5 Prohibition of export of sheep, goats or cattle to Saudi Arabia

(1) For the purposes of subsection 17(3) of the Act, the export of sheep, goats or cattle to Saudi Arabia is prohibited unless the conditions or restrictions in this Order are complied with.

(2) Nothing in this Order is intended to limit a condition or restriction in any other legislative instrument to which the export of sheep, goats or cattle to Saudi Arabia is subject but, to the extent of any inconsistency between such a condition or restriction and a condition or restriction in this Order, the latter prevails.

6 Pre-export requirements for sheep and goats

(1) An exporter must not export sheep or goats to Saudi Arabia unless a trained vaccinator has:

(a) assessed the age of the sheep or goats to determine that each of them has not more than four permanent incisors in wear; and

(b) administered a second scabby mouth vaccination to the sheep or goats;

(i) at least 14 days after the first such vaccination; and

(ii) not more than 56 days prior to the intended date of export; and

(iii) at least 5 days before their transport to the registered premises at which they will perform pre-export quarantine; and
(c) identified the sheep or goats with numbered and coded eartags as complying with paragraphs (a) and (b); and
(d) with the assistance of the exporter, compiled records in relation to the sheep or goats that comply with subsection (2).

(2) Records referred to in paragraph (1)(d) must:
(a) specify the properties from which the sheep or goats originated; and
(b) specify the number of animals vaccinated; and
(c) specify the date or dates of vaccination; and
(d) specify the batch numbers of the vaccine; and
(e) specify the date or dates on which the vaccine was opened; and
(f) describe the eartags by which the animals were identified in accordance with paragraph (1)(c).

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), an animal with 6 incisors is taken to have not more than 4 incisors in wear so long as 2 of the incisors are not yet in wear.

(4) The exporter must collect and maintain the records of vaccination and identification for each consignment.

7. Certain requirements for goats

(1) The exporter must ensure that goats are treated for internal parasites in the two weeks prior to delivery to the registered establishment at which they will perform pre-export quarantine.

(2) Not more than 5,000 goats may be prepared for any one consignment unless prior written approval has been granted by the Secretary.

(3) Female goats may not be prepared for export unless prior written approval has been granted by the Secretary.

(4) The exporter must ensure that only farmed goats (born behind wire and reared on a property since birth, and accustomed to being fed and watered from troughs) are sourced for export. Feral goats may not be exported.

(5) The exporter must ensure that goats sourced for export weigh a minimum of 28kg.

8 Shipping requirements for sheep, goats and cattle

(1) The exporter must provide feed for sea voyages at the rate of 3% of live-weight for all classes of sheep and goats for each anticipated day of the voyage, plus three additional days to allow for discharge and unforeseen delays, plus an additional 4kg per head of chaff or hay for goats. In relation to particular consignments the Secretary may, by instrument in writing, require the exporter to carry quantities of feed for sea voyages that exceed these requirements.

(2) Goats may only be penned in single tiers on a ship unless prior written approval has been granted by the Secretary.

(3) The exporter must ensure that the health certificate issued by AQIS prior to export
is endorsed by the Saudi Arabian embassy in Australia before a ship carrying sheep, goats or cattle arrives in Saudi Arabia.

(4) The exporter must confirm with the master of the ship that, once the vessel has completed loading in Australia, it will sail directly to the port of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and not stop at any other port.

9 Granting of exemption

If in relation to a particular consignment the Secretary considers it appropriate to do so, the Secretary may, subject to such conditions as the Secretary thinks fit, by instrument in writing, specify provisions of this Order that are not to apply to, or in relation to, the consignment.