

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of Live-stock to Egypt) Amendment Order 2011

made under section 17 of the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997*

Issued by the authority of the

Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Authority for making the Order

The *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of Live-stock to Egypt) Amendment Order 2011* (the **Order**) is made under section 17 of the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997* (the **Act**). That section authorises the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the **Secretary**) to make orders to be complied with by the holders of export licences under the Act.

Purpose of the Order

The purpose of the Order is:

- to amend the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of Live-stock to Egypt) Order 2008*, to implement an amendment to a Memorandum of Understanding on the Handling and Slaughter of Australian Live Animals (the MoU) between the Australian Government and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt. The MoU has been amended to include an additional approved slaughter house for slaughter of Australian cattle exported to Egypt; and
- to clarify that before export of a proposed consignment of cattle to Egypt, AQIS must be provided with a statement that quarantine space is available in a particular feedlot and that the cattle will arrive at the nearest port to the relevant feedlot and slaughterhouse.

Documents incorporated in the Order by reference

No documents are incorporated into the Order.

Consultation

The Order will facilitate trade with Egypt by providing for an additional supply chain through which Australian cattle may be exported to and processed in Egypt. The Arab Republic of Egypt, as a party to the MoU, supports the change. Other than providing for an additional supply chain, the Order does not substantially alter existing arrangements and domestic participants in the live cattle trade support the change. In these circumstances, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is satisfied that pursuant to section 18 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* broad consultation with industry was unnecessary prior to the Order being made.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation has advised that a regulation impact statement is not required

Details

Section 1 — Name of the Order

The name of the Order is the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of Live-stock to Egypt) Amendment Order 2011*.

Section 2 — Commencement

The Order commences on the day after it is registered.

Section 3 — Amendment of Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of Live-stock to Egypt) Amendment Order 2008

This section amends the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of Live-stock to Egypt) Order 2008*.

Schedule 1 – Amendment

Item 1 amends section 6 to reflect the revised Annexure to the MoU and to clarify how the requirements of the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of Live-stock to Egypt) Order 2008* relate to the items in the revised table at the end of section 6.

Subsection 6(1) is in the same terms as previously. Subsection 6(2) now provides that the written statement referred to in subsection 6(2) must be provided in relation to a particular feedlot, and must specify that cattle destined for that feedlot will travel through the supply chain relevant to that feedlot, as described in the table.

A second item is now included in the table at the end of section 6 to reflect the amendment to the MOU with Egypt to include an additional approved slaughter house for slaughter of Australian cattle exported to Egypt. This means a second supply chain is now available through which Australian cattle may be exported to and processed in Egypt. Live-stock exported to Egypt may also now enter at Adabiya port in addition to the Ain Sokhna port, providing the other requirements of section 6 are met.