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## Chapter 1—Preliminary

### Part 1—Preliminary

#### 1-1 Name

This instrument is the *Export Control (Rabbit and Ratite Meat and Rabbit and Ratite Meat Products) Rules 2021*.

#### 1-3 Authority

This instrument is made under the *Export Control Act 2020*.

#### 1-4 Simplified outline of this instrument

##### **General**

This instrument prescribes matters and makes other provision in relation to certain rabbit and ratite meat and rabbit and ratite meat products (prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products) for the purposes of the *Export Control Act 2020* (the Act).

Prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must not be exported from Australian territory unless the conditions prescribed by this instrument (prescribed export conditions) are complied with. A person may commit an offence or be liable to a civil penalty if prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products are exported in contravention of prescribed export conditions (see Division 4 of Part 1 of Chapter 2 of the Act).

This instrument prescribes other matters and makes other provision in relation to the export of rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products, including in relation to the following:

- (a) exemptions;
- (b) government certificates;
- (c) registered establishments;
- (d) approved arrangements;
- (e) export permits;
- (f) notices of intention to export;
- (g) trade descriptions;
- (h) official marks and official marking devices;
- (i) audits;
- (j) assessments;
- (k) functions and powers of authorised officers;

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- (l) records;
- (m) samples;
- (n) damaged or destroyed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.

**Structure of this instrument and Chapter numbering**

This instrument is arranged in Chapters that have the same number and name as the corresponding Chapters in the Act. For example, the provisions of this instrument that are made for the purposes of Chapter 4—Registered establishments of the Act are included in Chapter 4—Registered establishments of this instrument. This means there are gaps in the Chapter numbering because there are no provisions for the purposes of some Chapters of the Act.

## Part 2—Interpretation

### Division 1—Definitions

#### 1-5 Definitions

- Note: A number of expressions used in this instrument are defined in the Act, including the following:
- (a) Australian territory;
  - (b) authorised officer;
  - (c) export;
  - (d) export operations;
  - (e) integrity;
  - (f) prepare;
  - (g) prescribed agriculture law;
  - (h) Regulatory Powers Act.

In this instrument:

*Act* means the *Export Control Act 2020*, and includes:

- (a) legislative instruments made under the *Export Control Act 2020*; and
- (b) the Regulatory Powers Act as it applies in relation to the *Export Control Act 2020*.

*animal* means a rabbit or ratite.

*animal food* has the same meaning as in the Australian Meat Standard.

*applied*, in relation to an official mark, has the meaning given by subsection 8-19(1).

Note: For *applied*, in relation to a trade description, see section 247 of the Act.

*approved auditor* means an individual who is approved under subsection 273(1) of the Act to conduct an audit referred to in section 9-1 of this instrument.

*assessment* of rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products means an assessment of rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products under Part 2 of Chapter 9 of the Act.

Note: See also Part 2 of Chapter 9 of this instrument.

*Australian Meat Standard* means Australian Standard AS 4696:2023, *Australian Standard for the Hygienic Production and Transportation of Meat and Meat Products for Human Consumption*, as in force on 1 July 2023.

*batch* has the same meaning as in the Australian Meat Standard.

*carcase* has the same meaning as in the Australian Meat Standard.

*carcase part* has the same meaning as in the Australian Meat Standard.

*carton* includes a case, crate and barrel.

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**container system unit** means a container designed for use as a unit of cargo handling equipment in the transport of goods by aircraft or vessel.

**date of packaging**, for packaged rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, means:

- (a) for further processed rabbit meat products or ratite meat products (other than canned rabbit meat products or ratite meat products):
  - (i) unless subparagraph (ii) applies—the date the further processing is completed; or
  - (ii) if the further processing is carried out during a working shift that starts on a day and ends on the following day—the date the shift started; or
- (b) for canned rabbit meat products or ratite meat products:
  - (i) unless subparagraph (ii) applies—the date the cans are closed; or
  - (ii) if canning is carried out during a working shift that starts on a day and ends on the following day—the date the shift started; or
- (c) for any other rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products:
  - (i) unless subparagraph (ii) applies—the date the first packaging was completed; or
  - (ii) if first packaging of the rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products is carried out during a working shift that starts on a day and ends on the following day—the date the first packaging started.

**dressing** means:

- (a) in relation to a rabbit:
  - (i) the removal of the head, hide or skin, viscera (including or not including the kidneys), genital organs, bladder, feet up to the carpal and tarsal joints; and
  - (ii) in lactating animals, the removal of the mammary glands; or
- (b) in relation to a ratite—the removal of the head, feathers, skin, viscera (including or not including the kidneys), genital organs, bladder and legs.

**equipment** has the same meaning as in the Australian Meat Standard.

**essential services** has the same meaning as in the Australian Meat Standard.

**exporter** of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products means:

- (a) the applicant for an export permit for the meat or meat products; or
- (b) if an export permit has been issued for the meat or meat products—the holder of the export permit.

**facilities** includes hygiene and sanitation facilities.

**further process** has the same meaning as in the Australian Meat Standard.

**HACCP** has the same meaning as in the Australian Meat Standard.

**HACCP plan** means a plan that meets the requirements for HACCP plans specified in the Australian Meat Standard.

Note: See clause 3.11 of the Australian Meat Standard.

**humane treatment** means treatment not inconsistent with the *Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals: Livestock at Slaughtering Establishments* published by CSIRO Publishing, as that document exists at the commencement of this instrument.

Note: This document could in 2021 be viewed on CSIRO Publishing's website (<https://www.publish.csiro.au>).

**inedible material** means rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are normally regarded as of a kind that is not fit for human consumption.

**ingredient** means a substance (including a food additive) that is:

- (a) a constituent of:
  - (i) rabbit meat or ratite meat; or
  - (ii) rabbit meat products or ratite meat products (including raw materials);  
or
- (b) a processing aid for rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.

**installed:** a resources industry structure is **installed** in an area at a time if, assuming that the structure were a sea installation within the meaning of the *Sea Installations Act 1987* and the area were part of an adjacent area within the meaning of that Act, the structure would be taken under section 6 of that Act to be installed in an adjacent area at the time.

**loaded for export** has the meaning given by section 1-6.

**meat extract** means a rabbit meat product or ratite meat product that:

- (a) is derived from rabbit meat or ratite meat that has been passed as fit for human consumption; and
- (b) does not contain any non-meat proteins or additives; and
- (c) does not contain more than 25% moisture by analysis.

**meat inspection position** means a position that:

- (a) is occupied by a Commonwealth authorised officer; and
- (b) is allocated under Part 6 of Chapter 4 to an establishment for the purposes of undertaking meat inspection services at the establishment.

**meat inspection service** means an assessment of rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products under Part 2 of Chapter 9 of the Act.

**meat transport vehicle** means a conveyance that is used to transport or transfer prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products and includes the meat carrying compartment of the conveyance.

**MICoR** means the *Manual of Importing Country Requirements* published by the Department.

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Note: MICoR could in 2021 be viewed on the Department's website (<http://www.awe.gov.au>), but access to the document requires a password.

***notifiable disease*** has the same meaning as in the Australian Meat Standard.

***offal*** means any of the following parts of an animal:

- (a) organs of the thoracic and abdominal cavities;
- (b) brain;
- (c) muscular tissues of the head;
- (d) tissues of the diaphragm;
- (e) tail;
- (f) feet;
- (g) tendons.

***pharmaceutical material*** has the same meaning as in the Australian Meat Standard.

***potable***, in relation to water, means water that is acceptable for human consumption.

Note: For guidance, see the *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (2011)* developed by the National Health and Medical Research Council. The Guidelines could in 2021 be viewed on the National Health and Medical Research Council's website (<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au>).

***prescribed rabbit meat*** means rabbit meat that is prescribed goods under Division 1 of Part 1 of Chapter 2.

***prescribed rabbit meat products*** means rabbit meat products that are prescribed goods under Division 1 of Part 1 of Chapter 2.

***prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products*** means rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products that are prescribed goods under Division 1 of Part 1 of Chapter 2.

***prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products*** means rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, that are prescribed goods under Division 1 of Part 1 of Chapter 2.

***prescribed ratite meat*** means ratite meat that is prescribed goods under Division 1 of Part 1 of Chapter 2.

***prescribed ratite meat products*** means ratite meat products that are prescribed goods under Division 1 of Part 1 of Chapter 2.

***primary bleeding*** means the initial and major part of bleeding that follows incisions made to initiate exsanguination and is characterised by a continuous flow of blood.

***rabbit*** means an animal from the genus *Oryctolagus* or *Lepus* in the family Leporidae of the order Lagomorpha.

**rabbit meat** means any part of a rabbit (including a rabbit carcass and offal) that is slaughtered other than in a wild state.

**rabbit meat product** means a product containing rabbit meat.

**ratite** means an emu or an ostrich.

**ratite meat** means any part of a ratite (including a ratite carcass and offal) that is slaughtered other than in a wild state.

**ratite meat product** means a product containing ratite meat.

**registered**, in relation to an establishment, means registered under Chapter 4 of the Act.

**registered establishment** means an establishment that is registered for a kind of export operations in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.

**relevant importing country authority** means the authority or body that is responsible for regulating the importation of rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products into that country from Australian territory.

**resources industry structure** means:

- (a) a resources industry fixed structure (within the meaning of the *Sea Installations Act 1987*); or
- (b) a resources industry mobile unit (within the meaning of that Act) that is not a vessel.

**restricted slaughter animal** means an animal to which a disposition in accordance with paragraph 8.9(b) of the Australian Meat Standard (ante-mortem dispositions) has been applied.

Note: An animal may be passed for slaughter subject to conditions (see paragraph 8.9(b) of the Australian Meat Standard).

**shelf-stable** has the same meaning as in the Australian Meat Standard.

**slaughter** has the same meaning as in the Australian Meat Standard.

**stunning** has the same meaning as in the Australian Meat Standard.

**tallow** means rendered fat or oil extracted from animal tissue.

**Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty** means the Treaty between Australia and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste Establishing their Maritime Boundaries in the Timor Sea done at New York on 6 March 2018, as in force at the commencement of this instrument.

Note: The Treaty is in Australian Treaty Series 2019 No. 16 ([2019] ATS 16) and could in 2021 be viewed in the Australian Treaties Library on the AustLII website (<http://www.austlii.edu.au>).

**verify** has the same meaning as in the Australian Meat Standard.

**veterinary officer** means an authorised officer:

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- (a) who holds a veterinarian qualification recognised in Australia; and
- (b) whose most recent instrument of authorisation under subsection 291(11) of the Act specifies that the person is a veterinary officer.

*wholesome* has the same meaning as in the Australian Meat Standard.

**1-6 Meaning of *loaded for export***

Rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products are ***loaded for export*** if the meat or meat products:

- (a) are placed into a container system unit at a registered establishment for export; or
- (b) are loaded into or onto an aircraft or a vessel for export without first being placed into a container system unit.

## **Division 2—Other interpretation provisions**

### **1-7 References to authorised officer and meat safety inspector**

- (1) For the purposes of this instrument and subject to subsections (2) and (3), a reference in the Australian Meat Standard to a meat safety inspector is to be read as a reference to an authorised officer.

Note: An authorised officer may perform all of the functions of a meat safety inspector specified in the Australian Meat Standard (see section 9-21 of this instrument).

- (2) A reference in this instrument to an authorised officer, or a reference in the Australian Meat Standard to a meat safety inspector, when used in relation to any of the following at an establishment where a veterinary officer is located:
- (a) assessing information in relation to an animal that is given to an authorised officer;
  - (b) inspecting animals and applying decisions or dispositions to animals;
  - (c) inspecting restricted slaughter animals, or their carcasses or carcase parts, and applying decisions or dispositions to restricted slaughter animals or their carcasses or carcase parts;

is to be read as a reference to:

- (d) a veterinary officer; or
  - (e) an authorised officer acting under the supervision of a veterinary officer.
- (3) A reference in this instrument to an authorised officer, or a reference in the Australian Meat Standard to a meat safety inspector, when used in relation to implementing procedures for notifiable diseases at an establishment where a veterinary officer is located, is to be read as a reference to a veterinary officer.

### **1-8 Modifications of certain terms used in the Australian Meat Standard**

- (1) For the purposes of this instrument, the Australian Meat Standard is taken to be modified as provided by this section.
- (2) The definition of *dried meat* in clause 1.3 of the Australian Meat Standard is taken to be omitted and the following definition is taken to be substituted:

*dried meat* does not include slow-dried cured meat.

- (3) The definition of *withholding period* in clause 1.3 of the Australian Meat Standard is taken to be omitted and the following definition is taken to be substituted:

*withholding period*, in relation to a chemical, means:

- (a) if a period is specified on the label approved for the container of the chemical under the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994* as being the minimum recommended period that must elapse between the last treatment or exposure of an animal to the chemical and its slaughter for meat or meat products for human consumption—that period; or
- (b) in any other case—28 days.

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- (4) A reference in the Australian Meat Standard to an animal is to be read as a reference to that term as defined by section 1-5 of this instrument.
- (5) A reference in the Australian Meat Standard to meat is to be read as a reference to rabbit meat or ratite meat, or both, as the context requires, as those terms are defined by section 1-5 of this instrument.
- (6) A reference in the Australian Meat Standard to a meat business is to be read as a reference to an establishment where operations to prepare rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export are carried out or, if the context requires, the occupier of such an establishment.
- (7) A reference in the Australian Meat Standard to a meat product is to be read as a reference to a rabbit meat products or a ratite meat product, or both, as the context requires, as those terms are defined by section 1-5 of this instrument.
- (8) A reference in the Australian Meat Standard to a meat transport vehicle is to be read as a reference to that term as defined by section 1-5 of this instrument.
- (9) A reference in the Australian Meat Standard to the operator or proprietor of meat premises is to be read as a reference to the occupier of an establishment.

Note: *Establishment* has the same meaning as *premises* (see the definition of *establishment* in section 12 of the Act).

### 1-9 Circumstances in which alternative procedure, standard or other requirement is taken to meet requirements of Australian Meat Standard

If:

- (a) the Australian Meat Standard requires a particular technique (the *Australian Meat Standard technique*) to be implemented in carrying out operations to prepare meat or meat products for export; and
- (b) under section 4-3, meeting that requirement is a condition of the registration of the registered establishment where operations to prepare rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export are carried out; and
- (c) an approved arrangement that covers operations to prepare the rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export provides for an alternative procedure, standard or other requirement to be implemented in carrying out those operations;

then, for the purposes of this instrument, the implementation of the alternative procedure, standard or other requirement in carrying out those operations is taken to meet the requirement to implement the Australian Meat Standard technique in carrying out those operations.

Note 1: The holder of the approved arrangement may need to apply to the Secretary under paragraph 161(1)(b) of the Act to approve a variation of the arrangement to implement an alternative procedure, standard or other requirement in carrying out operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export.

- Note 2: The holder of the approved arrangement may commit an offence or be liable to a civil penalty under section 163 of the Act if:
- (a) the approved arrangement needs to be varied to provide for an alternative procedure, standard or other requirement to be implemented in carrying out operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export; and
  - (b) the variation is implemented; and
  - (c) the variation has not been approved by the Secretary under paragraph 161(2)(a) of the Act, or the variation has been approved under that paragraph but the Secretary has not given the holder notice of the approval under section 162 of the Act.

## Chapter 2—Exporting goods

### Part 1—Goods

#### Division 1—Prescribed goods

##### 2-1 Rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products that are prescribed goods

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 28(1) of the Act and subject to subsections (3) and (4) of this section, goods that:
- (a) are rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products; and
  - (b) are intended to be exported as food;
- are prescribed for the purposes of the Act.

Note 1: For *food*, see section 12 of the Act.

Note 2: Rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products covered by this subsection are taken not to be prescribed goods for the purposes of the Act in the circumstances prescribed by section 2-2 of this instrument (see the definition of *prescribed goods* in section 12 of the Act).

- (2) If:
- (a) rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products of a kind referred to in a paragraph of subsection (3) are intended to be exported to a country (the *importing country*) as food; and
  - (b) for the purpose of meeting an importing country requirement of that country, one or more requirements of the Act must be complied with;
- then, for the purposes of subsection 28(1) of the Act, the meat or meat products that are intended to be exported to the importing country are prescribed for the purposes of the Act.

Example: Rabbit meat extracts would be prescribed rabbit meat products if a requirement of the Act would need to be complied with in relation to the meat extracts for the purpose of meeting an importing country requirement.

Note: The Act will apply to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products to which this subsection applies in the same way as it applies to goods prescribed for the purposes of the Act under subsection (1).

- (3) The following goods are not prescribed for the purposes of subsection 28(1) of the Act unless subsection (2) of this section applies in relation to the goods:
- (a) soup, soup powder or soup concentrate derived from rabbit meat or ratite meat;
  - (b) rabbit meat extracts or ratite meat extracts;
  - (c) tallow derived from rabbit meat or ratite meat;
  - (d) gelatine derived from rabbit meat or ratite meat;
  - (e) regenerated collagen products derived from rabbit meat or ratite meat;
  - (f) rabbit meat products containing less than 5% mass of rabbit meat;

- (g) ratite meat products containing less than 5% mass of ratite meat;
- (h) rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export in a consignment of not more than 10 kilograms;
- (i) rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export to New Zealand for consumption in New Zealand.

Note: Rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products covered by subsection (1) that are for export to New Zealand but are not for consumption in New Zealand (for example, rabbit meat or rabbit meat products covered by subsection (1) that are exported to New Zealand for further processing and export from New Zealand) are prescribed goods.

- (4) The following goods are not prescribed for the purposes of subsection 28(1) of the Act:
  - (a) rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are animal food;
  - (b) rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are pharmaceutical material.

## **2-2 Rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products that are taken not to be prescribed goods**

For the purposes of subsection 28(4) of the Act, rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products covered by subsection 2-1(1) or (2) of this instrument are taken not to be prescribed goods for the purposes of the Act if the meat or meat products:

- (a) are stores for the use of passengers and crew on an aircraft or a vessel on a flight or voyage from Australian territory; or
- (b) are for the service of an aircraft or a vessel on a flight or voyage from Australian territory; or
- (c) are imported into Australian territory and held in bond at all times before being exported; or
- (d) are imported into Australian territory and then exported in the same covering in which, and with the same trade description with which, they were imported; or
- (e) are consigned to an external Territory for consumption in that Territory; or
- (f) are consigned to a resources industry structure that is installed in any of the following areas, for consumption on the structure:
  - (i) the Greater Sunrise special regime area within the meaning of the *Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973*;
  - (ii) the Greater Sunrise pipeline international offshore area within the meaning of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*;
  - (iii) the area in or above the Bayu-Undan Gas Field within the meaning of the Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty;
  - (iv) the Bayu-Undan pipeline international offshore area within the meaning of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*;

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- (v) the area in or above the Kitan Oil Field within the meaning of the Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty.

Note: A resources industry structure that is not installed is taken to be a vessel (see the *Sea Installations Act 1987*).

## Division 2—Prohibited export and prescribed export conditions

### 2-3 Purpose and application of this Division

- (1) This Division is made for the purposes of section 29 of the Act.
- (2) This Division applies in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products.  

Note 1: See Division 1 of this Part in relation to goods that are prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products.

Note 2: Rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products are taken not to be prescribed goods in the circumstances prescribed by section 2-2 of this instrument (see the definition of *prescribed goods* in section 12 of the Act).
- (3) However, a provision of this Division (the *relevant provision*) does not apply in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products if:
  - (a) the meat or meat products are to be exported in a circumstance referred to in subsection 52(1) or (3) of the Act; and
  - (b) an exemption from the relevant provision is in force in relation to the meat or meat products under Part 2 of Chapter 2 of the Act.

### 2-4 Export of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products is prohibited unless prescribed conditions are complied with

The export from Australian territory of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products is prohibited unless the conditions specified in the items in the following table are complied with.

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#### Prescribed export conditions for prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products

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Item	Prescribed export conditions
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1	<b>Importing country requirements</b>
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All importing country requirements relating to the rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, and the operations to prepare them for export, must be met.

2	<b>Registered establishment</b>
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Operations to prepare the rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export must be carried out at an establishment that is registered for those operations in relation to the meat or meat products. At the time the operations are carried out, the registration of the establishment must not be suspended in relation to those operations.

3	<b>Approved arrangement</b>
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An approved arrangement covering operations to prepare the rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export at the registered establishment referred to in item 2 must be in force. At the time the operations are carried out, the approved

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arrangement must not be suspended in relation to those operations.

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**4 Notice of intention to export**

A person prescribed by section 8-2 must have given the Secretary, at the time prescribed by section 8-4, a notice of intention to export a consignment of, or including, the rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.

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**5 Export permit**

The exporter of the rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must hold an export permit for the meat or meat products and the export permit must be in force and not suspended at the time the meat or meat products are exported.

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Note 1: Other conditions may apply in addition to the conditions set out in the above table. For example, prescribed rabbit meat products described as biodynamic may also be prescribed organic goods under the *Export Control (Organic Goods) Rules 2021*. The export as food of the products would also be subject to export conditions prescribed by that instrument.

Note 2: A person may commit an offence or be liable to a civil penalty if prescribed goods are exported in contravention of prescribed export conditions (see Division 4 of Part 1 of Chapter 2 of the Act).

Note 3: The occupier of a registered establishment may commit an offence or be liable to a civil penalty if export operations in relation to which registration of the establishment has been suspended are carried out while the registration is suspended (see section 136 of the Act).

Note 4: The holder of an approved arrangement may commit an offence or be liable to a civil penalty if export operations in relation to which an approved arrangement has been suspended are carried out while the arrangement is suspended (see section 177 of the Act).

Note 5: An export permit that is suspended under subsection 231(1) of the Act remains in force while it is suspended. However, while the permit is suspended, it does not authorise the export of the goods for which it was issued (see subsection 232(2) of the Act).

## Part 2—Exemptions

### 2-5 Application of this Part

This Part applies in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products (in this Part called *relevant goods*).

Note 1: See Division 1 of Part 1 of this Chapter in relation to goods that are prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products.

Note 2: Rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products are taken not to be prescribed goods in the circumstances prescribed by section 2-2 of this instrument (see the definition of *prescribed goods* in section 12 of the Act).

### 2-6 Period for making application for exemption

For the purposes of subparagraph 53(3)(f)(i) of the Act, the period within which an application for an exemption in relation to relevant goods must be made is the period of 120 days ending on the day that is 10 business days before the following:

- (a) if operations to prepare the relevant goods for export have started—the date it is proposed to export the relevant goods;
- (b) in any other case—the date it is proposed to start carrying out those operations.

Note 1: The Secretary may allow a different period (see subparagraph 53(3)(f)(ii) of the Act).

Note 2: An application for an exemption must comply with the requirements in subsection 53(3) of the Act.

### 2-7 Conditions of exemption—matters to which Secretary must have regard

For the purposes of subsection 55(2) of the Act, a matter to which the Secretary must have regard is whether imposing a condition on an exemption in relation to relevant goods will ensure that one or more objects of the Act will be met in relation to the goods.

### 2-8 Period of effect of exemption

For the purposes of paragraph 57(b) of the Act, an exemption granted under paragraph 54(1)(a) of the Act remains in force (unless it is revoked under section 59 of the Act):

- (a) for 12 months starting on the day the exemption takes effect; or
- (b) if another period is specified in the instrument of exemption—for the specified period.

Note: The exemption takes effect on the date stated in the instrument of exemption under paragraph 56(1)(e) of the Act (see paragraph 57(a) of the Act).

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**2-9 Variation of conditions of exemption—matters to which Secretary must have regard**

For the purposes of subsection 58(3) of the Act, a matter to which the Secretary must have regard is whether varying a condition of an exemption in relation to relevant goods will ensure that one or more objects of the Act will be met in relation to the goods.

**2-10 Revocation of exemption—matters to which Secretary must have regard**

For the purposes of subsection 59(2) of the Act, a matter to which the Secretary must have regard in considering whether to revoke an exemption in relation to relevant goods is whether the conditions of the exemption have been, or are being, complied with.

## **Part 3—Government certificates**

### **2-11 When government certificate may be issued in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products**

For the purposes of subsections 62(1) and (2) of the Act, a government certificate may be issued in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are to be, or that have been, exported.

### **2-12 Declaration to accompany application for government certificate**

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 65(2)(d) of the Act, if a government certificate in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products is required to meet importing country requirements, the application for the government certificate must be accompanied by a declaration by the applicant that importing country requirements relating to the meat or meat products have been met, or will be met before the meat or meat products are imported into the importing country.

Note 1: For when requirements to give information (including a declaration) in writing can be met by an electronic communication, see section 9 of the *Electronic Transactions Act 1999*. For electronic signatures, see section 10 of that Act.

Note 2: A government certificate (other than a certificate issued by electronic means) must be retained in a secure place when it is not being used (see section 11-4).

- (2) A declaration must be in a form approved by the Secretary.
- (3) A declaration:
- (a) must not be made if there are no reasonable grounds for making it; and
  - (b) must not be false or misleading; and
  - (c) must be signed and dated by the person who made it.

Note: A person may commit an offence or be liable to a civil penalty if the person provides false or misleading information or documents (see sections 137.1 and 137.2 of the *Criminal Code* and sections 368 and 369 of the Act).

### **2-13 Circumstances for refusing to issue government certificate**

*Circumstances relating to all rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products*

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 67(3)(g) of the Act, each of the following circumstances is prescribed in relation to an application for a government certificate in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products:
- (a) a condition or disease is present in Australian territory that is likely to affect the acceptability of the meat or meat products to the importing country;

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- (b) the export of the meat or meat products could result in trade in the export of goods from Australian territory being adversely affected;
- (c) the applicant for the certificate failed:
  - (i) to return a government certificate as required by section 2-15 of this instrument; or
  - (ii) to retain a government certificate in a secure place in accordance with section 11-4 of this instrument; or
  - (iii) to provide facilities and assistance to an auditor as required by section 271 of the Act.

*Circumstances relating only to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products*

- (2) For the purposes of paragraph 67(3)(g) of the Act and without limiting subsection (1) of this section, each of the following circumstances is prescribed in relation to an application for a government certificate in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products:
  - (a) a prescribed export condition that applies in relation to the meat or meat products has not been complied with;
  - (b) the applicant for the certificate failed to comply with a direction given to the applicant under subsection 305(1) of the Act (to deal with non-compliance with the requirements of the Act);
  - (c) an export permit is not in force for the meat or meat products.

Note: Other grounds for the issuing body to refuse to issue a government certificate in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products are set out in paragraphs 67(3)(a) to (f) of the Act.

### **2-14 Changes that require holder of certificate to give additional or corrected information to the issuing body**

For the purposes of paragraph 74(1)(b) of the Act, each of the following changes is prescribed in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products in relation to which a government certificate is in force:

- (a) there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the integrity of the meat or meat products cannot be ensured;
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to suspect that an importing country requirement relating to the meat or meat products will not be, or is not likely to be, met before the meat or meat products are imported into the importing country;
- (c) for prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products—there are reasonable grounds to suspect that a prescribed export condition relating to the meat or meat products has not been complied with in circumstances where the condition should have been complied with.

### **2-15 Return of government certificate**

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 76(1)(a) of the Act, each of the following is a circumstance in which a government certificate in relation to rabbit meat, ratite

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meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must be returned to an issuing body:

- (a) the meat or meat products are no longer intended to be exported to the country in relation to which the certificate was issued;
  - (b) the certificate has been revoked under section 75 of the Act.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph 76(1)(b) of the Act, the period within which a government certificate in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must be returned to an issuing body is 10 business days starting on the day the event referred to in paragraph (1)(a) or (b) of this section (as applicable) occurs.
- (3) This section does not apply in relation to a government certificate that was issued by electronic means.

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## Chapter 4—Registered establishments

### Part 1—Requirements for registration

#### 4-1 Purpose of this Part

For the purposes of paragraphs 112(2)(c) and (f) of the Act, this Part prescribes requirements that must be met for an establishment to be registered for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export.

Note 1: The requirements in this Part also apply in relation to an application to renew the registration of the establishment (see section 4-19).

Note 2: Other requirements that must be met are provided by paragraphs 112(2)(a), (b) and (e) of the Act. In addition, an approved arrangement covering operations to prepare the meat or meat products for export must be in force (see paragraph 112(2)(d) of the Act and item 3 of the table in section 2-4 of this instrument).

#### 4-2 Operations must be carried out in a way that will ensure requirements of the Act are complied with

Operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export must be carried out at an establishment in a way that will ensure that the requirements of the Act are complied with.

#### 4-3 Requirements of Australian Meat Standard must be met

- (1) The requirements of the Australian Meat Standard, as modified by a provision of this instrument, must be met in relation to operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export that are carried out at an establishment.

Note: See Division 2 of Part 2 of Chapter 1 of this instrument for modifications of the Australian Meat Standard.

##### *Excepted provisions of the Australian Meat Standard*

- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to the requirements set out in the following provisions of the Australian Meat Standard:
  - (a) clauses 3.1 to 3.10 (management and production practices);
  - (b) clauses 8.17 and 8.18 (ante-mortem dispositions);
  - (c) clause 10.5 (post-mortem dispositions);
  - (d) clause 10.12 (post-mortem dispositions for carcasses and carcase parts);
  - (e) clause 16.7 (identification of packaged meat or meat products);
  - (f) paragraph 11.6(b) (refrigeration index criteria);
  - (g) section 18 (record keeping);
  - (h) section 22 (management of wholesomeness during transport);
  - (i) any other provision excepted under another provision of this instrument.

#### **4-4 Equipment, facilities and essential services**

- (1) An establishment must have:
  - (a) the buildings, equipment, facilities and essential services that are necessary to ensure that operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export can be carried out at the establishment in accordance with the requirements of this instrument; and
  - (b) accurate measuring devices to assess compliance with those requirements.

Note: For guidance on Australian legal units of measurements and tolerances, see the *National Measurement Act 1960*. For the application of that Act in relation to contracts, dealings or transactions made or entered into in connection with the export of goods, see section 13 of that Act.

- (2) An establishment must have toilet facilities.

Note: If animals are to be slaughtered at the establishment, or there is a permanent position for one or more Commonwealth authorised officers at the establishment, there must be a toilet room for the exclusive use of the authorised officers (see subsections 4-11(1) and (2)).

#### **4-5 Areas where post-mortem inspections are carried out**

An establishment must have an area for post-mortem inspections of carcasses or carcase parts to be carried out that is constructed and set up to ensure that it is not encroached upon by equipment or persons (other than authorised officers carrying out the inspections).

#### **4-6 Meat examination facility**

- (1) An establishment must have a meat examination facility that:
  - (a) is within a refrigerated area; and
  - (b) is maintained at a temperature no warmer than 10 °C during export operations; and
  - (c) is set up to ensure that authorised officers performing functions in the facility can do so unimpeded; and
  - (d) is able to be secured.
- (2) Authorised officers who need to perform functions in the meat examination facility must be given sufficient access to the facility to enable them to perform those functions unimpeded, but the facility need not be for the exclusive use of authorised officers.

#### **4-7 Slaughter establishments must have laboratory facility**

- (1) An establishment where animals are slaughtered must have a laboratory facility that:
  - (a) is in a separate room; and
  - (b) is suitably equipped; and
  - (c) has ready access to a telephone; and

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- (d) is set up to ensure that authorised officers performing functions in the facility can do so unimpeded; and
  - (e) is able to be secured.
- (2) Authorised officers who need to perform functions in the laboratory facility must be given sufficient access to the facility to enable them to perform those functions unimpeded, but the facility need not be for the exclusive use of authorised officers.

### **4-8 Areas for preparation of prescribed rabbit meat or rabbit meat products**

- (1) This section applies to a registered establishment where operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat or rabbit meat products for export are carried out.

#### *Areas for rabbit cages*

- (2) An establishment where rabbits are slaughtered must have an area where cages containing rabbits are kept that:
- (a) is separate from the slaughter floor; and
  - (b) is able to be easily cleaned; and
  - (c) is equipped with a watering system to ensure that rabbits have ready access to drinking water; and
  - (d) has equipment and facilities for the cleaning of cages and the vehicles used to transport them to the establishment and appropriate disposal methods for any material associated with that cleaning.

#### *Restraining devices*

- (3) Restraining devices at the establishment must ensure humane treatment of rabbits during restraint.

#### *Areas for de-heading, de-footing and pelting*

- (4) An area of the establishment where de-heading, de-footing or pelting unskinned rabbits is carried out must be designed and constructed in a way that, to the extent practicable, prevents contamination of other parts of the establishment by airborne fur.

#### *Chillers*

- (5) Chillers at the establishment must be equipped with apparatus for the individual hanging of rabbit carcasses that:
- (a) enable carcasses to be hung so that the flesh is not penetrated by a hook; and
  - (b) can be effectively cleaned and sanitised.

### **4-9 Areas for preparation of prescribed ratite meat or ratite meat products**

- (1) This section applies to a registered establishment where operations to prepare prescribed ratite meat or ratite meat products for export are carried out.

*Raceways*

- (2) An area of the establishment that is a raceway to a stunning area must be designed and constructed in a way that ensures the easy movement of ratites.

*Feather removal areas*

- (3) An area of the establishment where feathers are removed must be enclosed.
- (4) However, the area may have openings to areas where skinning or evisceration is carried out if the openings are designed and constructed in a way that, to the extent practicable, prevents contamination of other parts of the establishment by aerosols or dander.

Note: Head and leg removal may be carried out in an area where feathers are removed (see paragraph 5-12(4)(b)).

#### **4-10 Secure storage area**

- (1) An establishment where prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products are loaded for export must have an area where all prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products required to be held under security can be stored.
- (2) The storage area must:
  - (a) be separate from other parts of the establishment; and
  - (b) be able to be secured; and
  - (c) be constructed and used in a way that:
    - (i) does not jeopardise the security of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products held in the area; and
    - (ii) does not affect the ability to ensure the integrity of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products held in the area.

#### **4-11 Amenities for Commonwealth authorised officers**

*Establishments where animals slaughtered or with permanent positions for Commonwealth authorised officers*

- (1) The following amenities must be provided at an establishment where animals are slaughtered or there is a permanent position for one or more Commonwealth authorised officers:
    - (a) an office;
    - (b) a dining room;
    - (c) a change room;
    - (d) a shower room;
    - (e) a toilet room;
    - (f) a rest room where amenities are provided for female authorised officers.
  - (2) The amenities must be:
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- (a) separate from, but may be in the same building as, amenities provided for employees; and
  - (b) suitable, and suitably and conveniently located; and
  - (c) for the exclusive use of Commonwealth authorised officers.
- (3) The office required under paragraph (1)(a) must be equipped with the following:
- (a) a telephone;
  - (b) a connection to a computer terminal;
  - (c) a lockable metal cabinet;
  - (d) for each Commonwealth authorised officer requiring the use of the office—a desk, chair and locker;
  - (e) if hand washing and drying facilities are not conveniently located nearby—those facilities.

*Other establishments*

- (4) An establishment (other than an establishment referred to in subsection (1)) must provide an office for the exclusive use of Commonwealth authorised officers when they are at the establishment.
- (5) The office required by subsection (4) must be appropriate for the authorised officers to perform functions at the establishment.
- (6) To avoid doubt, this section applies in addition to sections 4-4 to 4-10.

## **Part 2—Conditions of registration**

### **4-12 Purpose of this Part**

For the purposes of paragraph 113(1)(b) of the Act, this Part prescribes conditions of the registration of an establishment for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export.

Note 1: If the registration of the establishment is renewed, these conditions also apply in relation to the renewed registration of the establishment (see paragraph 118(b) of the Act).

Note 2: The occupier of a registered establishment may commit an offence or be liable to a civil penalty if a condition of the registration of the establishment is contravened (see section 144 of the Act).

### **4-13 Requirements for registration continue to be met**

The requirements for registration of an establishment prescribed by Part 1 of this Chapter must continue to be met in relation to the establishment after it is registered.

Note: For requirements relating to establishments (including ensuring compliance with requirements of the Act and meeting certain requirements of the Australian Meat Standard), see sections 4-2 to 4-10. For requirements relating to establishments where authorised officers perform functions, see section 4-11.

### **4-14 Certificate of registration must be displayed**

A copy of the current certificate of registration for an establishment must be prominently displayed at the establishment.

### **4-15 Notice of certain matters must be given to persons who manage or control export operations at registered establishment**

- (1) The occupier of a registered establishment must give each person who manages or controls operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export at the establishment a written notice:
  - (a) setting out the terms of section 374 of the Act (which requires such persons to notify the Secretary of certain convictions or orders to pay a pecuniary penalty); and
  - (b) stating that the person may be liable for a civil penalty if the person fails to comply with that section.
- (2) The notice must be given to each person:
  - (a) as soon as practicable after the occupier receives the certificate of registration for the establishment; or
  - (b) if a person starts to manage or control operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for

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export at the establishment after the occupier receives the certificate of registration for the establishment—as soon as practicable after the person starts to manage or control those operations.

### **4-16 List of persons who manage or control export operations at registered establishment**

The occupier of a registered establishment must keep and maintain a list of persons who manage or control, or who have managed or controlled, operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export at the establishment.

### **4-17 Meat inspection services**

- (1) This section applies if an approved arrangement for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export at a registered establishment:
  - (a) provides that a Commonwealth authorised officer must be present at the establishment while operations of that kind are carried out; or
  - (b) is subject to a condition that requires a Commonwealth authorised officer to be present at the establishment while operations of that kind are carried out.

#### *Allocation of meat inspection services to establishment*

- (2) The occupier of the registered establishment must, before commencing operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export at the establishment, have a preliminary allocation of meat inspection services for the establishment.

Note: Division 1 of Part 6 of this Chapter deals with applications for meat inspection services to be allocated to an establishment.

#### *Notice of proposed changes to establishment*

- (3) If meat inspection services are allocated to a registered establishment under Part 6 of this Chapter, the occupier of the establishment must, as soon as practicable, notify the Secretary in writing of any proposed changes to the construction of the establishment, or the operations to be carried out at the establishment, that may affect the allocation of the meat inspection services.

Note: Certain alterations of registered establishments (including an addition to the establishment) must not be made without approval (see paragraph 120(1)(b) and section 122 of the Act).

## **Part 3—Renewal of registration**

### **4-18 Period within which application to renew registration must be made**

For the purposes of paragraph 116(4)(a) of the Act, the period within which an application to renew the registration of an establishment must be made is the period of 60 days starting on the day that is 180 days before the expiry date for the registration.

Note 1: For example, if the registration of an establishment expires on 8 July in a year (other than a leap year), an application for renewal can be made at any time between 9 January and 10 March in that year.

Note 2: An application to renew the registration of an establishment will only need to be made if there is an expiry date for the registration (see subsection 116(1) of the Act).

### **4-19 Requirements for renewal of registration**

For the purposes of paragraphs 117(2)(e) and (g) of the Act, the requirements prescribed by Part 1 of this Chapter are prescribed in relation to an establishment that is registered to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export.

Note: Other requirements are provided by paragraphs 117(2)(a) to (d) of the Act. In addition, an approved arrangement covering operations to prepare the meat or meat products for export must be in force (see paragraph 117(2)(f) of the Act and item 3 of the table in section 2-4 of this instrument).

## **Part 4—Variation of registration**

### **4-20 Alterations for which approval is not required**

For the purposes of subsection 122(2) of the Act, an alteration of a registered establishment is prescribed if it does not affect compliance with the conditions of registration of the establishment.

## **Part 5—Matters relating to applications**

### **4-21 Application of this Part**

This Part applies in relation to the following applications:

- (a) an application under section 111 of the Act to register an establishment for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export;
- (b) an application under section 116 of the Act to renew the registration of an establishment for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export;
- (c) an application under section 120 of the Act to do any of the following in relation to an establishment that is registered for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export:
  - (i) vary the registration, or the particulars relating to the registration, of the establishment;
  - (ii) approve an alteration of the establishment;
  - (iii) vary the conditions of the registration of the establishment.

### **4-22 Initial consideration period**

For the purposes of subsection 379(3) of the Act, the initial consideration period for an application is 120 days.

Note: The consideration period for an application starts on the day after the day the Secretary receives the application (see subsection 379(4) of the Act).

### **4-23 Period within which request relating to application must be complied with**

For the purposes of paragraph 379(10)(b) of the Act, the period of 6 months is prescribed.

## Part 6—Meat inspection services

### Division 1—Allocation of meat inspection services

#### 4-24 Application for allocation of meat inspection services to establishment

- (1) The occupier of an establishment where operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export are to be carried out may apply to the Secretary for a preliminary allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment.

Note 1: The occupier of certain registered establishments must, before commencing operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export at the registered establishment, have a preliminary allocation of meat inspection services for the establishment (see section 4-17).

Note 2: For *establishment*, see section 12 of the Act. For *registered establishment*, see section 1-5 of this instrument.

- (2) The application must:
- (a) if the Secretary has approved, in writing, a manner for making an application—be made in an approved manner; and
  - (b) if the Secretary has approved a form for making an application:
    - (i) include the information required by the form; and
    - (ii) be accompanied by any documents required by the form; and
  - (c) be made at least 90 days before operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export at the establishment are to commence; and
  - (d) set out details of the intended operations, including:
    - (i) the months, weeks, days and hours the operations are intended to be carried out; and
    - (ii) the number of chains at the establishment; and
    - (iii) the number of chains, and the chain speeds, for each type of animal from which prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products are to be derived.

Note: Examples of types of animals are emus, ostriches, rabbits and hares.

- (3) An application is taken not to have been made if the application does not comply with the requirements referred to in subsection (2).

#### 4-25 Preliminary allocation

- (1) As soon as practicable after receiving an application under subsection 4-24(1) for meat inspection services to be allocated to an establishment, the Secretary must make a preliminary allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment by determining:
- (a) the number of meat inspection positions to be allocated to the establishment; and

- (b) the number of hours (or part thereof) that each position is allocated to carry out meat inspection services at the establishment.
- (2) In determining the preliminary allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment, the Secretary must have regard to the following:
- (a) the overall requirements of the industry for meat inspection services;
  - (b) Australia's international obligations;
  - (c) any staffing formula agreed to by the Department and the relevant union or unions of Commonwealth authorised officers;
  - (d) the availability of Commonwealth authorised officers to carry out meat inspection services;
  - (e) management practices at the establishment in relation to meat inspection services;
  - (f) the need to protect the health and safety of Commonwealth authorised officers while they are carrying out their duties in or around the establishment;
  - (g) the construction of the establishment;
  - (h) the intended operations of the establishment;
  - (i) any importing country requirement for a Commonwealth authorised officer to be present at the establishment while a meat inspection service is being carried out.
- (3) A preliminary allocation under subsection (1) may be that zero meat inspection positions and hours are allocated to an establishment.
- (4) Meat inspection services may be allocated to the establishment on any of the following bases, or on any combination of them:
- (a) an annual basis;
  - (b) a monthly basis;
  - (c) a weekly basis;
  - (d) a daily basis;
  - (e) an hourly basis.

#### **4-26 Notice of preliminary allocation**

- (1) As soon as practicable after determining the preliminary allocation of meat inspection services to an establishment under section 4-25, the Secretary must give the occupier of the establishment a written notice stating the preliminary allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment.
- (2) If the Secretary considers it appropriate, the notice under subsection (1) may also include advice suggesting ways the occupier could reduce the allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment.

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#### 4-27 Procedure following notice of preliminary allocation

*Acceptance of preliminary allocation and memorandum of agreed intent*

- (1) If the occupier of an establishment accepts the preliminary allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment, the Secretary and the occupier must complete a memorandum of agreed intent in the form approved by the Secretary.
- (2) If, within 7 days after the occupier of an establishment receives notice of the preliminary allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment:
  - (a) the occupier does not apply under subsection (3) for a review of the Secretary's determination of the preliminary allocation; or
  - (b) the Secretary does not give the occupier notice of a revised allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment under subsection 4-28(2); or
  - (c) the occupier and the Secretary do not complete a memorandum of agreed intent;

the Secretary's determination of the preliminary allocation is taken to be a memorandum of agreed intent between the Secretary and the occupier.

*Disputed preliminary allocation and review*

- (3) If the occupier of an establishment does not accept the preliminary allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment, the occupier may, within 7 days after receiving notice of the preliminary allocation, apply to the Secretary, in writing, for the establishment of a committee to review the Secretary's determination of the preliminary allocation.

Note: See section 4-30 in relation to the establishment of a review committee.

#### 4-28 Revised allocation

- (1) This section applies if:
  - (a) the notice given to the occupier of an establishment under section 4-26 included advice as referred to in subsection (2) of that section; and
  - (b) the occupier implements some or all of the suggestions in the advice; and
  - (c) the implementation of the suggestions means that the preliminary allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment needs to be revised.
- (2) The Secretary must, as soon as practicable:
  - (a) determine a revised allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment; and
  - (b) give the occupier a written notice stating the revised allocation.

#### 4-29 Procedure following notice of revised allocation

- (1) This section applies if the Secretary gives the occupier of an establishment notice of a revised allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment under subsection 4-28(2).

*Acceptance of revised allocation and memorandum of agreed intent*

- (2) If the occupier accepts the revised allocation, the Secretary and the occupier must complete a memorandum of agreed intent in the form approved by the Secretary.
- (3) If, within 7 days after the occupier receives notice of the revised allocation:
  - (a) the occupier does not apply under subsection (4) for a review of the Secretary's determination of the revised allocation; or
  - (b) the occupier and the Secretary do not complete a memorandum of agreed intent;the Secretary's determination of the revised allocation is taken to be a memorandum of agreed intent between the Secretary and the occupier.

*Disputed revised allocation and review*

- (4) If the occupier does not accept the revised allocation, the occupier may, within 7 days after receiving notice of the revised allocation, apply to the Secretary, in writing, for the establishment of a committee to review the Secretary's determination of the revised allocation.

Note: See section 4-30 in relation to the establishment of a review committee.

#### **4-30 Review of Secretary's determination**

*Establishment of review committee*

- (1) If the occupier of an establishment makes an application under subsection 4-27(3) or 4-29(4), the Secretary must establish a committee (the **review committee**) comprising the following:
  - (a) the occupier or a representative of the occupier;
  - (b) an SES employee, or an acting SES employee, in the Department;
  - (c) a meat industry representative nominated by the occupier;
  - (d) if the occupier did not accept the preliminary allocation or the revised allocation (as the case may be) of meat inspection services to the establishment because of a staffing issue—a representative of each relevant union of Commonwealth authorised officers.
- (2) The Secretary must convene the first meeting of the review committee.

*Review of Secretary's determination*

- (3) The review committee must review:
  - (a) the application for review; and
  - (b) the advice (if any) included in the notice given to the occupier under section 4-26; and
  - (c) the determination to which the application relates.
- (4) As soon as practicable and not later than 14 days after its first meeting, the review committee must give a written recommendation to the Secretary on the appropriate allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment.

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**4-31 Determination of new allocation**

- (1) As soon as practicable after receiving a recommendation from a review committee under subsection 4-30(4) in relation to an application for review of the allocation of meat inspection services to an establishment, the Secretary must determine a new allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment.

Note: A decision to determine a new allocation of meat inspection services to an establishment is a reviewable decision (see section 11-1 of this instrument and Part 2 of Chapter 11 of the Act). The notice under subsection (4) of this section must also include the reasons for the decision (see subsection 382(1) of the Act).

- (2) In making a determination under subsection (1), the Secretary must have regard to:
- (a) the review committee's recommendation; and
  - (b) the matters referred to in subsection 4-25(2).
- (3) The Secretary's determination under subsection (1):
- (a) replaces any earlier determination of the Secretary of an allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment; and
  - (b) is taken to be a memorandum of agreed intent between the Secretary and the occupier of the establishment.

*Notice of new allocation*

- (4) After determining a new allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment, the Secretary must give the occupier of the establishment a written notice stating the new allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment.
- (5) The notice under subsection (4) must be given to the occupier as soon as practicable and not later than 45 days after the day the relevant application for review was received by the Secretary.

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## **Division 2—Variation of meat inspection services**

### **4-32 Application to vary allocation of meat inspection services**

- (1) The occupier of a registered establishment with an allocation of meat inspection services may apply to the Secretary, in writing, to vary the allocation.

#### *Form of application*

- (2) An application under this section must:
  - (a) if the Secretary has approved, in writing, a manner for making an application—be made in an approved manner; and
  - (b) if the Secretary has approved a form for making an application:
    - (i) include the information required by the form; and
    - (ii) be accompanied by any documents required by the form.

#### *Variations to reduce allocation*

- (3) If the occupier wishes to vary the registered establishment's allocation of meat inspection services by reducing the allocation of meat inspection services:
  - (a) for meat inspection services allocated to the registered establishment on an hourly basis—the application must be made at least 7 days before the proposed variation is to start; and
  - (b) for meat inspection services allocated to the registered establishment other than on an hourly basis—the application must be made at least 30 days before the proposed variation is to start.
- (5) On receiving an application under this section, the Secretary must decide:
  - (a) to vary the allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment as applied for; or
  - (b) to refuse to vary the allocation.

Note: A decision to refuse to vary an allocation of meat inspection services to an establishment is a reviewable decision (see section 11-1 of this instrument and Part 2 of Chapter 11 of the Act). The notice under subsection (7) of this section must also include the reasons for the decision (see subsection 382(1) of the Act).

- (6) In making a decision under subsection (5), the Secretary must have regard to the matters referred to in subsection 4-25(2).

#### *Notice of decision*

- (7) As soon as practicable after making a decision under subsection (5), the Secretary must give the occupier of the establishment written notice of the decision.
- (8) This section does not apply in relation to a variation to which section 4-33 (additional meat inspection services) or 4-34 (shutdown) applies.

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**4-33 Application for additional allocation of meat inspection services**

- (1) The occupier of a registered establishment with an allocation of meat inspection services may apply to the Secretary, in writing, for additional meat inspection services to be allocated to the establishment.

*Form of application*

- (2) An application under this section must:
- (a) if the Secretary has approved, in writing, a manner for making an application—be made in an approved manner; and
  - (b) if the Secretary has approved a form for making an application:
    - (i) include the information required by the form; and
    - (ii) be accompanied by any documents required by the form.

*Services allocated on annual basis*

- (3) If meat inspection services are allocated to a registered establishment on an annual basis:
- (a) an application may be made for additional meat inspection services to be allocated on a monthly or a weekly basis; and
  - (b) the application must be made at least 14 days before the proposed additional meat inspection services are to start.

*Services allocated on monthly basis*

- (4) If meat inspection services are allocated to a registered establishment on a monthly basis:
- (a) an application may be made for additional meat inspection services to be allocated on a weekly basis; and
  - (b) the application must be made at least 14 days before the proposed additional meat inspection services are to start.

*Services allocated on weekly basis*

- (5) If meat inspection services are allocated to a registered establishment on a weekly basis:
- (a) an application may be made for additional meat inspection services to be allocated on a weekly basis or a daily basis; and
  - (b) the application must be made:
    - (i) for additional meat inspection services on a weekly basis—at least 14 days before the proposed additional meat inspection services are to start; or
    - (ii) for additional meat inspection services on a daily basis—at least 7 days before the proposed additional meat inspection services are to start.

*Services allocated on daily basis*

- (6) If meat inspection services are allocated to a registered establishment on a daily basis:
- (a) an application may be made for additional meat inspection services to be allocated on a daily basis; and
  - (b) the application must be made at least 7 days before the proposed additional meat inspection services are to start.

*Services allocated on hourly basis*

- (7) If meat inspection services are allocated to a registered establishment on an hourly basis:
- (a) an application may be made for additional meat inspection services to be allocated on an hourly basis; and
  - (b) the application must be made at least 7 days before the proposed additional meat inspection services are to start.

*Decision on application and notice*

- (8) On receiving an application under this section, the Secretary must decide:
- (a) to allocate the additional meat inspection services to the establishment applied for; or
  - (b) to refuse to allocate the additional meat inspection services.

Note: A decision to refuse to allocate additional meat inspection services to a registered establishment is a reviewable decision (see section 11-1 of this instrument and Part 2 of Chapter 11 of the Act). The notice under subsection (9) of this section must also include the reasons for the decision (see subsection 382(1) of the Act).

- (9) As soon as practicable after making a decision under subsection (8), the Secretary must give the occupier of the establishment written notice of the decision.
- (10) If an application under this section is not made before the time referred to in subsections (3) to (7), the Secretary must make a decision under subsection (8) as soon as possible if it is reasonable in the circumstances to do so.

*Termination of additional meat inspection services*

- (11) If additional meat inspection services are allocated to a registered establishment under this section, and the application for the additional services specified the period during which the additional services were to be provided, the Secretary must not terminate any of the additional services until the end of the specified period unless the occupier of the establishment has given notice under section 4-36 that the occupier wishes to terminate some, or all, of the additional meat inspection services.

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**4-34 Notification that meat inspection services not required during shutdown period**

- (1) The occupier of a registered establishment to which meat inspection services are allocated on an annual basis, or on an annual basis and another basis (for example a monthly basis), may notify the Secretary, in writing, that the meat inspection services are not required for a period (which must be a continuous period of at least 14 days) specified in the notice.
- (2) The notice must be given at least 14 days before the start of the specified period.

**4-35 Variation by Secretary of allocation of meat inspection services**

- (1) This section applies if:
  - (a) there is a change (a *relevant change*) to any of the following matters:
    - (i) the overall requirements of the industry for meat inspection services;
    - (ii) Australia's international obligations in relation to the export of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products;
    - (iii) any staffing formula agreed to by the Department and the relevant union or unions of Commonwealth authorised officers;
    - (iv) the availability of Commonwealth authorised officers to carry out meat inspection services;
    - (v) the management practices in relation to meat inspection services of a particular registered establishment;
    - (vi) the need to protect the health and safety of Commonwealth authorised officers while they are performing functions or exercising powers under the Act in or at a registered establishment;
    - (vii) the construction of a particular registered establishment where meat inspection services are carried out;
    - (viii) the operations of a particular registered establishment where meat inspection services are carried out;
    - (ix) an importing country requirement for a Commonwealth authorised officer to be present at an establishment where meat inspection services are carried out; or
  - (aa) there is no importing country requirement for a Commonwealth authorised officer to be present at a particular registered establishment where meat inspection services are carried out; or
  - (b) an audit report under section 9-5 includes a recommendation that the allocation of meat inspection services to a particular registered establishment where meat inspection services are carried out be varied for a specified period of time.
- (2) The Secretary may vary the allocation of meat inspection services to registered establishments affected by a relevant change or to a registered establishment referred to in paragraph (1)(aa) or (b).

- (3) If the Secretary varies the allocation of meat inspection services to a registered establishment under this section, the Secretary must notify the occupier of the registered establishment, in writing, of:
- (a) the varied allocation of meat inspection services to the establishment; and
  - (b) if the establishment is a registered establishment referred to in paragraph (1)(b)—the date the varied allocation ceases to have effect.

Note: The Secretary may direct that meat inspection services not be carried out at a registered establishment if a cost-recovery charge in relation to meat inspection services provided at the establishment remains unpaid after becoming due and payable (see section 406 of the Act).

*Reconsideration of varied allocation*

- (4) If:
- (a) the occupier of a registered establishment is notified of a varied allocation of meat inspection services under subsection (3); and
  - (b) the occupier does not agree with the varied allocation;
- the occupier may apply to the Secretary, in writing, for reconsideration of the varied allocation.
- (5) On receiving an application from the occupier of a registered establishment under subsection (4), the Secretary must enter into negotiations with the occupier in relation to the varied allocation.
- (6) If, at the completion of negotiations under subsection (5), the occupier of the registered establishment and the Secretary cannot reach agreement:
- (a) the Secretary must seek to reach agreement with a representative (the ***occupier's representative***) of the relevant industry organisation nominated by the occupier; and
  - (b) if the Secretary cannot reach agreement with the occupier's representative—the Secretary must, having considered the views put to the Secretary by the occupier and the occupier's representative and the matters referred to in paragraph (1)(a), determine a new allocation of meat inspection services to the registered establishment.

Note: A decision to determine a new allocation of meat inspection services to an establishment is a reviewable decision (see section 11-1 of this instrument and Part 2 of Chapter 11 of the Act). The notice under paragraph (7)(b) of this section must also include the reasons for the decision (see subsection 382(1) of the Act).

- (7) If the Secretary determines a new allocation of meat inspection services to a registered establishment under paragraph (6)(b):
- (a) the varied allocation to the registered establishment made under subsection (2) ceases to have effect; and
  - (b) the Secretary must, as soon as practicable and not later than 45 days after the day the application for reconsideration of the varied allocation was received, give the occupier of the registered establishment a written notice stating:
    - (i) that a new allocation of meat inspection services to the registered establishment has been determined; and

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- (ii) the new allocation of meat inspection services to the registered establishment.

**4-36 Notification of termination of meat inspection services**

- (1) The occupier of a registered establishment to which meat inspection services are allocated may notify the Secretary, in writing, that the occupier wishes to terminate some, or all, of the meat inspection services (including any additional meat inspection services allocated to the registered establishment under section 4-33).
- (2) The notice must be given at least 14 days before the proposed termination of the meat inspection services.

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## Chapter 5—Approved arrangements

### Part 1—Requirements for approval

#### 5-1 Purpose of this Part

For the purposes of paragraph 151(2)(d) of the Act, this Part prescribes other requirements that must be met for approval of a proposed arrangement for a kind of export operations in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.

#### 5-2 Other requirements—proposed arrangement for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products

- (1) This section applies in relation to a proposed arrangement for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export at a registered establishment.

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- (2) The proposed arrangement must record that the applicant for approval of the arrangement is committed:
  - (a) to meeting the objects referred to in section 3 of the Act that are applicable to the operations and the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products to be covered by the arrangement; and
  - (b) to complying with the requirements of the Act in relation to those operations.
- (3) The proposed arrangement must cover each stage of the operations.
- (4) The proposed arrangement must record details of the following matters:
  - (a) the applicant's management practices;
  - (b) the organisational structure of the applicant;
  - (c) the resources to be provided to carry out the operations to be covered by the arrangement;
  - (d) the personnel who are to carry out the operations and the training those personnel receive;
  - (e) the system of controls to be implemented to ensure that the conditions prescribed by Divisions 2 to 8 of Part 2 of this Chapter will be complied with in relation to the operations to be covered by the arrangement;
  - (f) any other system of controls to be implemented to ensure that there will be reasonable grounds for issuing:
    - (i) an export permit for the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products to be covered by the arrangement; or

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- (ii) a government certificate in relation to the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products to be covered by the arrangement.
- (5) The matters required to be recorded in the proposed arrangement by paragraphs (4)(a) to (d) must be appropriate to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Act in relation to the operations to be covered by the arrangement.
- (5A) Without limiting subsection (4), if operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products to be covered by the arrangement include those that are to be the last operations to prepare the meat or meat products carried out at a registered establishment before export, the proposed arrangement must record details of:
- (a) the information, methods, procedures, tests, monitoring and other evaluations to be used to verify that:
    - (i) the requirements of the Act in relation to the export of the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products have been, or will be complied with; and
    - (ii) any importing country requirements relating to the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products have been, or will be met; and
  - (b) a person who manages or controls those operations who is to be designated in the arrangement as a person who may verify the matters referred to in subparagraphs (a)(i) and (ii) and make the declaration required under section 7-8 in relation to the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.

Note: Section 7-8 requires a declaration to be included in an application for an export permit.

- (6) If compliance with the requirements of the Act (not including section 5-4 of this instrument) will not be sufficient to ensure that all importing country requirements relating to the operations and the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products to be covered by the proposed arrangement will be met, the arrangement must:
- (a) identify each importing country requirement that will not be met; and
  - (b) record details of the control measures to be implemented to ensure that each importing country requirement referred to in paragraph (a) will be met.

Note: It is a condition of an approved arrangement for export operations in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that all importing country requirements relating to export operations carried out in relation to the meat or meat products in accordance with the arrangement, and the meat or meat products, are met (see section 5-4).

*Requirement for HACCP plan*

- (7) The proposed arrangement must provide for the implementation of an HACCP plan for each stage of the operations to prepare the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export.

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Note: See clause 3.11 of the Australian Meat Standard for the requirements for HACCP plans.

*Requirement relating to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are not for export etc.*

- (8) If operations to prepare rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are not for export, or are animal food or pharmaceutical material, are also to be carried out at the registered establishment, the proposed arrangement must:
- (a) specifically provide for those operations; and
  - (b) record details of the procedures (including any system of controls) to be implemented for the segregation, identification and security of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products prepared at the establishment to ensure the wholesomeness and integrity of the prescribed meat or meat products.

Note: See section 5-33 for restrictions on operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products carried out an establishment where operations to prepare rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are not for export, or that are animal food or pharmaceutical material, are carried out.

*Requirement relating to potable water*

- (9) If the proposed arrangement provides for potable water to be used in carrying out operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export, the arrangement must record details of the system of controls (including in relation to treatment, testing and verification) to be implemented to ensure that the water will be free from:
- (a) harmful substances; and
  - (b) pathogenic organisms.

## **Part 2—Conditions of approved arrangement**

### **Division 1—Purpose of this Part**

#### **5-3 Purpose of this Part**

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 152(1)(b) of the Act, this Part prescribes conditions of an approved arrangement for a kind of export operations in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.
- (2) A provision of this Part applies in relation to an approved arrangement referred to in subsection (1) if the provision relates to a kind of export operations that are covered by the arrangement.

Note 1: If an approved arrangement is renewed, the conditions also apply in relation to the renewed approved arrangement (see paragraph 157(1)(b) of the Act).

Note 2: The holder of an approved arrangement may commit an offence or be liable to a civil penalty if a condition of the approved arrangement is contravened (see section 184 of the Act).

## **Division 2—General**

### **5-4 Importing country requirements must be met**

An approved arrangement must ensure that all importing country requirements relating to the following are met:

- (a) export operations carried out in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products in accordance with the arrangement;
- (b) the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products in relation to which the export operations are carried out.

Note: For guidance on importing country requirements for specific importing countries, see MICoR.

### **5-5 Requirements of Australian Meat Standard must be met**

An approved arrangement must ensure that the requirements of the Australian Meat Standard (as modified by a provision of this instrument but not including the provisions referred to in subsection 4-3(2)) are met in relation to the following:

- (a) export operations carried out in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products in accordance with the arrangement;
- (b) the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products in relation to which the export operations are carried out.

Note: See Division 2 of Part 2 of Chapter 1 of this instrument for modifications of the Australian Meat Standard.

## Division 3—Preparation

### Subdivision A—General

#### 5-6 Dressing an animal

An animal must be unconscious, and primary bleeding must have been completed, before dressing takes place.

#### 5-7 Areas where post-mortem inspections are carried out

The area in a registered establishment where post-mortem inspections of carcasses or carcase parts are carried out must not be encroached upon by equipment or persons (other than authorised officers carrying out the inspections).

#### 5-8 Compliance with decisions and dispositions

- (1) A decision or disposition, and any conditions specified in relation to a decision or disposition, applied to animals by a veterinary officer or an authorised officer must be complied with.

Note: Decisions and dispositions may be applied to animals only by a veterinary officer or an authorised officer (see section 9-30).

- (2) A disposition, and any conditions specified in relation to a disposition, applied to carcasses or carcase parts, or prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, by an authorised officer must be complied with.

- (3) For the purposes of this section, a ***decision or disposition***:

- (a) is a decision about the admission of animals for slaughter, or a disposition that may be applied to animals, carcasses or carcase parts, or prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, by an authorised officer under Division 2 of Part 4 of Chapter 9; and
- (b) includes:
  - (i) a variation of such a decision or disposition; and
  - (ii) any conditions specified in relation to such a decision or disposition.

Note 1: For decisions and dispositions that may be applied by authorised officers in relation to animals, carcasses or carcase parts, or prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, see sections 9-22 to 9-27.

Note 2: Carcasses or carcase parts may be retained for further inspection, tests or treatment pending final disposition (see paragraphs 9-24(5)(d) and (6)(a)).

### Subdivision B—Other requirements: rabbits

#### 5-9 Separation of rabbit carcasses

Rabbit carcasses must be kept separate from other rabbit carcasses from when dressing begins until after the final wash of the carcasses.

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## Subdivision C—Other requirements: ratites

### 5-10 Humane treatment of ratites

Prescribed ratite meat or ratite meat products for export must be derived from animals that have been treated humanely before and during slaughter at registered establishments.

Note: For information about humane treatment of animals, see the *Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals: Livestock at Slaughtering Establishments*, published by CSIRO Publishing. This document could in 2021 be viewed on CSIRO Publishing's website (<https://www.publish.csiro.au>).

### 5-11 Ante-mortem treatment of ratites

- (1) Ratites that are intended to be slaughtered at a registered establishment must be:
  - (a) transported to the establishment in a way that prevents stress or injury; and
  - (b) rested before slaughter.
- (2) Ratites must not be fed for 24 hours before slaughter.

### 5-12 Dressing ratites

- (1) Dressing of ratites must be carried out:
  - (a) in a hanging position or on a cradle system; and
  - (b) at a rate that allows adequate time:
    - (i) for dressing to be hygienic and orderly; and
    - (ii) to avoid congestion in any area; and
    - (iii) to maintain separation of carcasses; and
    - (iv) to enable inspection of carcasses.
- (2) A cradle system used for dressing ratites must:
  - (a) be located so that it does not jeopardise the wholesomeness of ratite meat; and
  - (b) be high enough to prevent any part of an exposed ratite carcass from touching the floor.
- (3) Air used to inflate a ratite carcass to assist removal of the skin must be filtered so that it does not contaminate ratite meat.
- (4) Removal of ratite heads and legs:
  - (a) must be carried out in a way that minimises the risk of contamination of ratite meat; and
  - (b) may be carried out in an area of a registered establishment where bleeding or removal of feathers is carried out if measures are taken to prevent contamination of surfaces from feathers and dander.
- (5) Vents must be removed from ratites in a hygienic manner that prevents leakage and contamination of ratite meat.

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- (6) After dressing is complete, a ratite carcase may be split and the bones of the thorax and pelvis removed before chilling if all meat is left attached by its natural attachments.

**5-13 Chilling ratite carcasses**

- (1) Ratite carcasses must be placed in a chiller within 2 hours of stunning.
- (2) Chillers used for chilling ratite carcasses or carcase parts must:
- (a) be kept closed except during:
    - (i) loading or unloading of ratite carcasses or carcase parts; and
    - (ii) entry or exit of persons carrying out operations to prepare the carcasses or carcase parts; and
  - (b) be cleaned before hot carcasses are placed in the chiller; and
  - (c) as far as is practicable:
    - (i) be clear of edible product during cleaning; or
    - (ii) be cleaned in a way that prevents edible product becoming contaminated.

**5-14 Removal of microchips from prescribed ratite meat and ratite meat products**

Microchips must be detected and removed from prescribed ratite meat and ratite meat products before the ratite meat and ratite products are removed from a registered establishment.

**5-15 Ratite fat**

Ratite fat for export as food must be derived only from ratite carcasses or ratite carcase parts that are passed as fit for human consumption.

## **Division 4—Transport**

### **5-16 Loading prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for transfer between registered establishments**

Prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export must not be loaded into a meat transport vehicle for transfer between registered establishments unless the vehicle:

- (a) is not a source of contamination of the meat or meat products; and
- (b) is clean; and
- (c) is free of odours and materials that are capable of contaminating the meat or meat products or their packaging; and
- (d) is equipped or provided with an appropriate and adequate means of refrigeration; and
- (e) has an accurate measuring device to assess whether the requirements of this instrument are complied with during transport and loading; and
- (f) is maintained in a good state of repair and working order having regard to its use; and
- (g) is capable of being secured by a seal that is an official mark.

Note: See also clauses 5.1, 15.2 and 15.3 of the Australian Meat Standard.

### **5-17 Loading of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products—supervision**

Loading of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export must be carried out under the supervision of:

- (a) an authorised officer; or
- (b) a person designated in an approved arrangement as a person who may supervise the loading, if:
  - (i) the approved arrangement covers the last operations to prepare the meat or meat products at a registered establishment before export; and
  - (ii) the supervision is in accordance with the arrangement.

### **5-18 Prohibitions on loading**

- (1) Prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must, at the time they are loaded for export, be packaged to effectively protect them from contamination and deterioration in the conditions under which they are loaded, stored and transported from Australian territory.
- (2) Prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are not wholesome must not be loaded for export.

Note: For requirements relating to packaging, see section 14 of the Australian Meat Standard.

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**5-19 Container system units and equipment for loading aircraft and vessels**

- (1) Prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must not be loaded for export unless:
- (a) the container system unit or the area on an aircraft or vessel into which the meat or meat products are to be loaded:
    - (i) is not a source of contamination of the meat or meat products; and
    - (ii) is clean; and
    - (iii) is free of odours and materials that are capable of contaminating the meat or meat products or their packaging; and
    - (iv) if necessary, is equipped or provided with an appropriate and adequate means of refrigeration; and
    - (v) is maintained in a good state of repair and working order having regard to its use; and
  - (b) if the container system unit is intended for transport by sea—the container system unit and the area into which the meat or meat products are to be loaded are capable of being secured by a bolt seal that is an official mark.

Note: See section 8-13 in relation to bolt seals.

- (2) Prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must be stowed in a container system unit, or an area on an aircraft or vessel, in a way that ensures that their condition and packaging are not likely to be adversely affected during the flight or voyage.

**5-20 When a bolt seal must be applied to container system unit**

If prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products are loaded into a container system unit (other than a container system unit intended for transport by air), a bolt seal that is an official mark must be applied to the container system unit.

Note 1: For guidance on when, for animal disease or integrity reasons, a seal may need to be applied to a container system unit intended for transport by air if it transits another country, see MICoR.

Note 2: See section 8-13 in relation to bolt seals.

Note 3: The bolt seal must be applied by a person referred to in subsection 8-22(2) (see subsection 8-22(1)).

Note 4: A person may commit an offence or be liable to a civil penalty for altering or interfering with an official mark (see Division 3 of Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the Act and section 8-24 of this instrument).

**5-21 Meat transport vehicles, measuring devices and other equipment**

- (1) Prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must be transported to and from registered establishments using meat transport vehicles and equipment that comply with the applicable conditions prescribed by this instrument.

Note 1: See, for example, sections 5-16 and 5-19.

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Note 2: The applicable requirements of the Australian Meat Standard (see, for example section 25) must also be complied with (see section 5-5 of this instrument).

- (2) Meat transport vehicles and other equipment used in transporting prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must be of a kind that ensures that the transport of the meat or meat products complies with the applicable conditions prescribed by this Part.

Note 1: See, for example, sections 5-16 and 5-19.

Note 2: The applicable requirements of the Australian Meat Standard (see, for example section 25) must also be complied with (see section 5-5 of this instrument).

- (3) Meat transport vehicles and container system units used to transport prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products must have accurate measuring devices to assess whether the applicable conditions prescribed by this Part are complied with during transport and loading of the meat or meat products.

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## Division 5—Trade descriptions

Note: See Part 2 of Chapter 8 of the Act and Part 2 of Chapter 8 of this instrument in relation to trade descriptions.

### Subdivision A—General requirements

#### 5-22 Trade description must be applied to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products that are intended to be exported

- (1) A trade description including the information referred to in subsection (3) must be applied to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products that are intended to be exported.

Note 1: For *trade description*, see section 246 of the Act. See also Chapter 8 of this instrument.

Note 2: For *applied*, in relation to a trade description, see section 247 of the Act.

Note 3: Clause 16.7 of the Australian Meat Standard is not required to be complied with (see subsection 4-3(2) of this instrument).

Note 4: For alternative requirements for prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for further processing, see section 5-24 of this instrument.

Note 5: If the relevant importing country authority specifies that it does not require a trade description requirement prescribed by this Division to be met, the Secretary may approve a variation of the approved arrangement to provide that the trade description requirement does not apply (see section 161 of the Act and section 5-46 of this instrument).

- (2) The trade description must be applied no later than the time the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products are packed.

#### *Content of trade description*

- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), the information in relation to the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products is as follows:
- (a) the type of animal from which the meat or meat products were derived;
  - (b) the net weight of the meat or meat products;
  - (c) the country of origin of the meat or meat products;
  - (d) the registration number of the registered establishment where the meat or meat products were last packed before export;
  - (e) the name and address of:
    - (i) the occupier of the registered establishment referred to in paragraph (d); or
    - (ii) the exporter or consignee of the meat or meat products;
  - (f) for meat or meat products that were packed on behalf of a person other than the occupier of the registered establishment where operations to prepare the meat or meat products for export were carried out:
    - (i) the name of the person who packed the meat or meat products; and

- (ii) the name of the person on whose behalf the meat or meat products were packed;
- (g) for packaged meat or meat products—the date of packaging using the format Day-Month abbreviation-Year with leading zeros (for example, 02Feb2021);
- (h) for meat or meat products that contain 2 or more ingredients—a list of the ingredients (other than any processing aids) in descending order of ingoing weight;
- (i) the identity of the batch;
- (j) for meat or meat products other than shelf-stable meat products—a statement indicating whether they should be kept chilled or frozen;
- (k) for canned meat or meat products:
  - (i) the registration number allocated to the registered establishment where the canning was carried out, preceded by the letters “EX”; and
  - (ii) the date of packaging (in code or in clear); and
  - (iii) a description of the contents of the cans (in code or in clear).

Note 1: The trade description must be accurate (see section 8-6). See also Division 3 of Part 2 of Chapter 8 of the Act for offences and civil penalty provisions in relation to false trade descriptions.

Note 2: The Australian Consumer Law (within the meaning of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*) contains prohibitions on engaging in conduct that is misleading or deceptive or is likely to mislead or deceive (see, for example, section 18 of that Law) and prohibitions on making false or misleading representations, including about the country of origin of goods (see, for example, sections 29 and 151 of that Law). Part 5-3 of that Law provides defences that certain country of origin representations made about goods do not contravene section 18 (misleading or deceptive conduct) or paragraph 29(1)(a) or (k) or 151(1)(a) or (k) (false or misleading representations) of that Law. For further guidance on correctly describing the country of origin, see the ACCC website (<https://www.accc.gov.au>).

Note 3: Examples of types of animals for the purposes of paragraph (a) are emus, ostriches, rabbits and hares.

Note 4: For *date of packaging*, see section 1-5.

- (4) For the purposes of paragraph (3)(d), the registration number must be clearly identifiable as being the registration number of the registered establishment referred to in that paragraph.

*Requirements of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code*

- (5) Prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products must meet each applicable requirement for the labelling and naming of ingredients and compound ingredients specified in Standard 1.2.4 of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.

Note: For *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code*, see section 12 of the Act.

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**5-23 Prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products in cartons or cans**

- (1) The trade description applied to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products contained in a carton must be attached to one end panel of the carton.

Note: For *carton*, see section 1-5.

- (2) The information required by paragraph 5-22(3)(k) relating to canned prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must:
- (a) be embossed on the cans containing the meat or meat products; or
  - (b) be indelibly applied directly to the cans.

**5-24 Prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for further processing**

- (1) Despite subsection 5-22(1), a trade description including only the following information may be applied to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are to be transferred between registered establishments for further processing:

- (a) the type of animal from which the meat or meat products were derived;
- (b) for packaged meat or meat products—the date of packaging;
- (c) the words “FOR FURTHER PROCESSING BEFORE EXPORT”.

Note 1: Examples of types of animals are emus, ostriches, rabbits and hares.

Note 2: For *date of packaging*, see section 1-5.

- (2) If a trade description is applied to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products as permitted by subsection (1), then before the meat or meat products are loaded for export:
- (a) a trade description containing all of the information required by subsection 5-22(3) must be applied to the meat or meat products; and
  - (b) the words “FOR FURTHER PROCESSING BEFORE EXPORT” must be removed from the trade description.

Note: For the requirement to apply an official mark to the meat and meat products, see Division 6 of this Part.

**Subdivision B—Requirements for prescribed rabbit meat and prescribed rabbit meat products: carcasses and carcass parts**

**5-25 Application of this Subdivision**

To avoid doubt, this Subdivision applies in addition to Subdivision A of this Division.

**5-26 Trade descriptions applied to rabbit carcasses**

- (1) A trade description applied to prescribed rabbit meat that is carcasses that are intended to be exported must include:
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- (a) for the carcase of a rabbit of the genus *Oryctolagus*—the word “RABBIT”;  
and
  - (b) for the carcase of a rabbit of the genus *Lepus*—the word “HARE”.
- (2) If the carcase has been prepared to include skin, head or feet, the trade description must include the words “SKIN ON”, “HEAD ON” or “FEET ON” (as the case requires).

### **5-27 Trade description applied to rabbit carcase parts**

- (1) A trade description applied to prescribed rabbit meat that is carcase parts that are intended to be exported must comply with this section.

Note: Carcase parts include offal (see the definitions of *carcase part* in section 1-5 of this instrument and clause 1.3 of the Australian Meat Standard).

- (2) The trade description must include:
- (a) for a carcase part of a rabbit of the genus *Oryctolagus*—the word “RABBIT”; and
  - (b) for a carcase part of a rabbit of the genus *Lepus*—the word “HARE”; and
  - (c) a description of the carcase part.

Examples: The cut or organ.

- (3) The trade description may include the words “BONE-IN”, “BONED OUT”, “PART BONED” or “BONELESS”.

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## Division 6—Official marks

Note: See Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the Act and Part 3 of Chapter 8 of this instrument in relation to official marks.

### 5-28 References to particular official marks

In this Division, a reference to a particular official mark is a reference to the official mark with that description specified in Division 1 of Part 3 of Chapter 8 of this instrument.

### 5-29 Carcasses and carcase parts

#### *Australia Inspected official mark*

- (1) An Australia Inspected official mark must be applied to prescribed rabbit meat or ratite meat that is carcasses or carcase parts if the carcasses or carcase parts are passed by an authorised officer as fit for human consumption.

Note 1: For the Australia Inspected official mark, see section 8-10.

Note 2: The official mark must be applied by a person referred to in subsection 8-22(2) (see subsection 8-22(1)).

Note 3: Importing countries may require another mark to be applied to carcasses or carcase parts in addition to the official mark.

#### *Application of official mark to carcasses or carcase parts*

- (2) An official mark applied to carcasses or carcase parts under subsection (1) must be applied to the carcasses or carcase parts:
  - (a) as soon as practicable after they are dressed; and
  - (b) before they are removed from the registered establishment where they were dressed.
- (3) An official mark applied to carcasses or carcase parts under subsection (1) must be applied to a conspicuous part of:
  - (a) each carcase or carcase part; or
  - (b) a label attached to each carcase or carcase part; or
  - (c) the packaging containing each carcase or carcase part;so that the official mark is visible during handling.

#### *Approved arrangement may disapply this section*

- (4) This section does not apply in relation to prescribed rabbit meat or ratite meat that is carcasses or carcase parts if:
  - (a) the carcasses or carcase parts are packed in cartons at the registered establishment where operations to prepare the carcasses or carcase parts for export are carried out; and
  - (b) the approved arrangement that covers those operations provides that this section does not apply in relation to the carcasses or carcase parts.

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Note: If this section does not apply in relation to the carcasses or carcase parts, an official mark must be applied to each carton in which the carcasses or carcase parts are packed before the carton is removed from the registered establishment where it was packed (see section 5-30).

### **5-30 Cartons containing prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products**

#### *Australia Inspected official mark*

- (1) An Australia Inspected official mark must be applied to each carton in which prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are passed by an authorised officer as fit for human consumption are packed.

Note 1: The official mark must be applied by a person referred to in subsection 8-22(2) (see subsection 8-22(1)).

Note 2: Importing countries may require another mark to be applied to a carton containing prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products in addition to the official mark.

#### *Application of official mark to carton*

- (2) An official mark applied to a carton under this section must be applied to the carton:
- (a) as soon as practicable after it is packed; and
  - (b) before the carton is removed from the registered establishment where it was packed.
- (3) An official mark applied to a carton under this section must be applied:
- (a) to the same end panel of the carton as the trade description required to be applied under subsection 5-23(1); and
  - (b) in a location that is conspicuous during handling.
- (4) To avoid doubt and subject to subsection 5-29(4), this section applies in addition to section 5-29.

### **5-31 State or Territory classification marks must not be applied**

Prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export must not bear a mark indicating a classification of the meat or meat products in accordance with a law of a State or Territory.

## Division 7—Segregation, identification, security, traceability and integrity

### 5-32 Segregation, identification, security and traceability—general

To the extent necessary to ensure that one or more of the objects referred to in section 3 of the Act is met:

- (a) animals from which rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products are to be derived and rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products meeting a particular description:
  - (i) must be identified and segregated during preparation and transport from other animals or meat and meat products not meeting that description; and
  - (ii) must not be confused with other animals or meat or meat products not meeting that description; and
  - (iii) must be prepared and transported under conditions of security; and
- (b) inventory controls and tracing systems must be maintained.

Note 1: For example, the separate identification and segregation of inedible material is required (see section 5-33).

Note 2: For requirements for inventory controls, see section 5-42.

Note 3: For tracing systems for recall purposes, see section 16 of the Australian Meat Standard.

### 5-33 Establishments where rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are not for export etc. are prepared

- (1) Operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must not be carried out at an establishment where operations (the *other operations*) to prepare any of the following are also carried out:
  - (a) rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are not for export;
  - (b) rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are animal food or pharmaceutical material.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply if:
  - (a) the other operations are carried out at a registered establishment in accordance with an approved arrangement; and
  - (b) the wholesomeness and integrity of the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products is ensured (including by compliance with subsection (3)).
- (3) Procedures (including systems of controls) for the segregation, identification and security of the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must be sufficient to ensure their wholesomeness and integrity during packing, storing, handling and loading.

Note: See, for example, clause 5.3 and section 17 of the Australian Meat Standard.

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### 5-34 Integrity—general

- (1) The integrity of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must be able to be ensured.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must not be compromised by the presence of any of the following:
  - (a) rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that were previously not prepared at a registered establishment (including imported rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products);
  - (b) rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are not for export or that have left the export system;
  - (c) any parts of an animal that are inedible (including any parts of an animal received for the purpose of inedible rendering or disposal by incineration);
  - (d) rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are brought to an establishment, but are not removed or unloaded at the establishment from the conveyance that brought them to the establishment;
  - (e) animals or rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are retained for further inspection, tests or treatment;
  - (f) rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are animal food or pharmaceutical material.

Note: For *conveyance*, see section 12 of the Act.

- (3) Meat and meat products referred to in paragraphs (2)(a) and (b):
  - (a) must be readily distinguishable from prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export during concurrent boning; and
  - (b) must be segregated from prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export at all times.
- (4) The identity of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products:
  - (a) must be readily ascertainable; and
  - (b) must not be lost or confused with the identity of any other rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.

### 5-35 Identification—type of animal

- (1) A kind of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat product or ratite meat product must be derived from the type of animal it purports to be derived from.

Note 1: For *animal*, see section 1-5.

Note 2: Examples of types of animals are emus, ostriches, rabbits and hares.

- (2) To avoid doubt, a kind of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat product or ratite meat product (the ***relevant rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat product or ratite meat product***) is not derived from the type of animal it purports to be

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derived from if meat or meat products derived from another type of animal (within its ordinary meaning) are substituted wholly or partly for the relevant rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat product or ratite meat product.

**5-36 Export market eligibility**

- (1) The export market eligibility of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must be maintained.
- (2) Prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are not eligible for all export markets:
  - (a) must be identified so that their export market eligibility can be ascertained; and
  - (b) must be segregated from rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products with different export market eligibility.

**5-37 Action if prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products are unwholesome or integrity etc. cannot be ensured**

- (1) This section applies if the holder of an approved arrangement for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export at a registered establishment reasonably believes that any of the following circumstances exists:
  - (a) there is, or there will be, a failure to meet an importing country requirement relating to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products prepared for export at the registered establishment;
  - (b) prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products prepared for export at the registered establishment in accordance with the approved arrangement are unwholesome or have deteriorated;
  - (c) the identification, traceability or integrity of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products prepared for export at the registered establishment in accordance with the approved arrangement cannot be ensured;
  - (d) there is or there has been a failure of a procedure, or another circumstance occurs or has occurred, at the registered establishment that:
    - (i) has affected, or could affect, the wholesomeness or integrity of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products prepared for export at the establishment in accordance with the approved arrangement (including prescribed meat or meat products to be derived from animals to be slaughtered at the establishment); or
    - (ii) has caused, or could cause, prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products at the establishment (including prescribed meat or meat products to be derived from animals to be slaughtered at the establishment) to deteriorate;
  - (e) a consignment of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products was transferred to the registered establishment (the **receiving establishment**) from another registered establishment and the

information and declarations in relation to the consignment required by subsection 5-38(1):

- (i) were not given to the occupier of the receiving establishment, or did not accompany the consignment, as required by paragraph 5-38(2)(b); or
- (ii) were inaccurate or incomplete.

Note 1: Rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products may have deteriorated but may still be wholesome if, for example, refrigeration requirements are not met.

Note 2: See also clause 6.4 of the Australian Meat Standard.

- (2) As soon as practicable after the holder of the approved arrangement becomes aware of a circumstance referred to in subsection (1) in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, the holder must:
- (a) identify the meat or meat products; and
  - (b) notify an authorised officer of the circumstance; and
  - (c) ensure that the meat or meat products are held separately under conditions of security until an authorised officer:
    - (i) applies a disposition to the meat or meat products under section 9-34; or
    - (ii) notifies the holder of action to be taken in relation to the meat or meat products.

Note: For a similar requirement if meat or meat products are suspected of not being wholesome, see clause 15.13 of the Australian Meat Standard.

- (3) If the holder of an approved arrangement gives a notification under paragraph (2)(b) orally, the holder must, as soon as practicable after giving the notification, also give the notification in writing.

## Division 8—Transfers

### 5-38 Information and declarations relating to transferred prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products

- (1) If a consignment of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products is transferred from a registered establishment (the *transferring establishment*) to another registered establishment (the *receiving establishment*), the following information and declarations must be given to the occupier of the receiving establishment:
- (a) a full description of the meat or meat products;
  - (aa) the date or dates of slaughter of the animals from which the meat or meat products were derived;
  - (ab) the registered establishment (with the registration number) where the animals from which the meat or meat products were derived were slaughtered;
  - (b) information about storage conditions (that is, whether the meat or meat products are chilled, frozen or shelf-stable);
  - (c) the name, address and registration number of the transferring establishment;
  - (d) the date or dates when operations to prepare the meat or meat products (other than storing, handling or loading) were last carried out before the transfer;
  - (e) the quantity of meat or meat products in the consignment;
  - (f) if the meat or meat products are in packages—the number and kind of packages;
  - (g) the identification of the conveyance used to transport the meat or meat products;
  - (h) a description of any means of security applied to the meat or meat products;
  - (i) the name, address and registration number of the receiving establishment;
  - (j) if operations to prepare the meat or meat products were carried out to meet importing country requirements of one or more countries—the name of each country;
  - (k) a declaration stating:
    - (i) that, at the date the declaration is made, the prescribed export conditions, and any other conditions that apply in relation to the meat or meat products under the Act, have been complied with and any importing country requirements relating to the meat or meat products are met; and
    - (ii) any export market eligibility requirements for the relevant export market for the meat or meat products that are yet to be complied with;
  - (l) a declaration stating that all of the information given in relation to the consignment is true and complete.

Note 1: For *conveyance*, see section 12 of the Act.

Note 2: See subsections (2) to (4) for matters relating to the declarations referred to in paragraphs (k) and (l) of this subsection.

- (2) The information and declarations in relation to a consignment required to be given to the occupier of the receiving establishment under subsection (1) must:
- (a) be in writing and in a form approved by the Secretary; and
  - (b) either:
    - (i) be given to the occupier when the consignment leaves the transferring establishment; or
    - (ii) accompany the consignment when it arrives at the receiving establishment.

Note 1: Electronic message formats should be compliant with the United Nations Rules for Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (UNEDIFACT). These Rules could in 2021 be viewed on the website of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (<https://www.unece.org>).

Note 2: For when requirements to give information (including a declaration) in writing can be met by an electronic communication, see section 9 of the *Electronic Transactions Act 1999*. For electronic signatures, see section 10 of that Act.

#### *Requirements for declarations*

- (3) A declaration referred to in paragraph (1)(k) or (l) in relation to a consignment of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must be made by:
- (a) the holder of the approved arrangement for operations to prepare the meat or meat products for export at the transferring establishment; or
  - (b) a person who manages or controls those operations if:
    - (i) the approved arrangement covering those operations provides for export inspection procedures that include the making of the declaration in relation to the meat or meat products; and
    - (ii) the person is designated in the approved arrangement as a person who may make the declaration.

Note: If a relevant importing country authority requires alternative inspection arrangements to be carried out by authorised officers, this needs to be covered by the approved arrangement (see paragraph 5-2(4)(e)).

- (4) A declaration referred to in paragraph (1)(k) or (l):
- (a) must not be made if there are no reasonable grounds for making it; and
  - (b) must not be false or misleading; and
  - (c) must be signed and dated by the person who made it.

Note 1: For suspension or revocation of the approved arrangement if these requirements are not met, see sections 171 and 179 of the Act.

Note 2: A person may commit an offence or be liable to a civil penalty if the person provides false or misleading information or documents (see sections 137.1 and 137.2 of the *Criminal Code* and sections 368 and 369 of the Act).

### **5-39 Information and declarations not received or inaccurate or incomplete**

- (1) This section applies if:

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- (a) a consignment of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products is transferred to a registered establishment (the *receiving establishment*); and
  - (b) the information and declarations required to be given to the occupier of the receiving establishment by section 5-38:
    - (i) are not given to the occupier in accordance with paragraph 5-38(2)(b);  
or
    - (ii) are inaccurate or incomplete.
- (2) The meat or meat products must:
- (a) be held at the receiving establishment under conditions of security, and not dealt with further for export as food without the written approval of an authorised officer; or
  - (b) be identified as not for export as food, and segregated from prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products.

## **Division 9—Meat inspection services**

### **5-40 Commonwealth authorised officer must be present while certain export operations are carried out**

- (1) This section applies in relation to an approved arrangement for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export at a registered establishment if:
  - (a) the approved arrangement provides that a Commonwealth authorised officer must be present at the establishment while operations of that kind are carried out; or
  - (b) the approved arrangement is subject to a condition that requires a Commonwealth authorised officer to be present at the establishment while operations of that kind are carried out.
- (2) Operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export in accordance with the approved arrangement must not be carried out at the registered establishment unless:
  - (a) meat inspection services have been allocated to the establishment under Part 6 of Chapter 4 (registered establishments); and
  - (b) a memorandum of agreed intent between the Secretary and the occupier of the establishment in relation to the allocation is in place under that Part; and
  - (c) a Commonwealth authorised officer is present at the establishment.

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## Division 10—Management practices

### 5-41 Management practices, organisational structure, resources and personnel

- (1) The holder of an approved arrangement must ensure that:
- (a) the holder's management practices and organisational structure; and
  - (b) the resources provided to carry out the export operations; and
  - (c) the personnel who carry out those export operations and the training those personnel receive;
- are appropriate to ensure:
- (d) compliance with the requirements of the Act in relation to the export operations and prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products covered by the approved arrangement; and
  - (e) that importing country requirements relating to the export operations and prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products are met.
- (2) The holder must make a written record of the matters referred to in paragraphs (1)(a) to (c).

Note 1: The holder of the approved arrangement must retain each record made under this section for at least 2 years (see subsection 11-8(2)).

Note 2: For making electronic records, see subsection 12(1) of the *Electronic Transactions Act 1999*.

### 5-42 Verification of compliance with the Act and other matters

#### *Matters that must be verified*

- (1) The holder of an approved arrangement must verify that carrying out export operations at a registered establishment in accordance with the approved arrangement will ensure compliance with the following:
- (a) the applicable requirements of the Act;
  - (b) the conditions in Divisions 2 to 8 of this Part;
  - (c) section 5-41 of this instrument (management practices, organisational structure, resources and personnel).

#### *Record of verification*

- (2) A written record must be made of:
- (a) the methods, procedures, tests, monitoring and other evaluations used to verify compliance with the matters referred to in subsection (1); and
  - (b) the results of the verification.

Note: The holder of the approved arrangement must retain each record made under this subsection for at least 2 years (see subsection 11-8(2)).

*Inventory controls*

- (3) The necessary inventory controls must be used in verifying compliance with the matters referred to in paragraphs (1)(b) and (c).
- (4) The inventory controls must be in writing, comprehensive, and able to be audited under Part 1 of Chapter 9 of the Act and as required by section 5-44 of this instrument.
- (5) Without limiting subsection (4), the inventory controls must include the following:
  - (a) a record of:
    - (i) the numbers of animals of different types slaughtered at the registered establishment in accordance with the approved arrangement, their origin and lot; and
    - (ii) rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products received at the registered establishment in accordance with the approved arrangement (including their description and the quantities received of each description), their origin and their location at the establishment; and
    - (iii) prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products prepared for export at the registered establishment in accordance with the approved arrangement (including their description and the quantities prepared of each description), their item, lot, origin and location at the establishment; and
    - (iv) all rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products removed from the registered establishment in accordance with the approved arrangement (including their description and the quantities removed of each description), preparation details and their destination; and
    - (v) all rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products at the registered establishment that are not intended to be removed from the registered establishment (for example, rabbit meat or ratite meat no longer intended for export and destroyed at the establishment) (including their description and the quantities of each description);
  - (b) a reconciliation of animals and prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products and records referred to in paragraph (a);
  - (c) a record of quantities of nitrite:
    - (i) received at the registered establishment; and
    - (ii) used to prepare rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export at the establishment; and
    - (iii) removed from or destroyed at the establishment;
  - (d) a weekly reconciliation of the quantities of nitrite referred to in paragraph (c).

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**5-43 Action must be taken to address non-compliance**

- (1) If a matter referred to in subsection 5-42(1) has not been complied with, or is not likely to be complied with, in carrying out export operations in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products in accordance with an approved arrangement:
  - (a) action must be taken:
    - (i) to address the non-compliance or likely non-compliance; and
    - (ii) to ensure that the non-compliance does not recur or does not occur; and
  - (b) the effectiveness of the action must be assessed.
- (2) A written record must be made of action taken under paragraph (1)(a) and the assessment of the effectiveness of the action.

Note: The holder of the approved arrangement must retain each record made under this subsection for at least 2 years (see subsection 11-8(2)).

**5-44 Internal audit and management review**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), internal audits and management reviews must be conducted of the effectiveness of the management practices of the holder of an approved arrangement at a registered establishment in ensuring compliance with the matters referred to in subsection 5-42(1).

Note: An internal audit under this section is not an audit under Part 1 of Chapter 9 of the Act.

- (2) Internal audits are not required to be conducted if:
  - (a) fewer than 3 people are employed at the registered establishment in accordance with the approved arrangement; and
  - (b) management reviews are conducted in accordance with the approved arrangement.
- (3) A record must be made of the following:
  - (a) each internal audit and management review conducted under subsection (1);
  - (b) the results of each internal audit or management review;
  - (c) each decision (if any) to take action as a result of an internal audit or management review;
  - (d) each action taken as a result of an internal audit or management review.

Note: The holder of the approved arrangement must retain each record made under this subsection for at least 2 years (see subsection 11-8(2)).

## **Part 3—Renewal of approved arrangement**

### **5-45 Period within which application to renew approved arrangement must be made**

For the purposes of paragraph 155(4)(a) of the Act, the period within which an application to renew an approved arrangement must be made is the period of 60 days starting on the day that is 180 days before the expiry date for the approved arrangement.

Note 1: For example, if an approved arrangement expires on 8 July in a year (other than a leap year), an application for renewal can be made at any time between 9 January and 10 March in that year.

Note 2: An application to renew an approved arrangement will only need to be made if there is an expiry date for the approved arrangement (see subsection 155(1) of the Act).

## Part 4—Variation of approved arrangement

### Division 1—Variations by holder

#### 5-46 Requirements that must be met for variation to be approved or conditions varied

- (1) This section applies in relation to an application under subsection 161(1) of the Act to approve a variation of an approved arrangement for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export to a particular country, or to vary the conditions of such an approved arrangement, if:
- (a) the application is made because the relevant importing country authority does not require:
    - (i) one or more requirements (the *relevant requirements*) of the Australian Meat Standard that apply in relation to a registered establishment where the operations are carried out to be met; or
    - (ii) compliance with one or more conditions (the *relevant conditions*) in Divisions 3 to 8 of Part 2 of this Chapter; and
  - (b) the relevant importing country authority requires a different requirement relating to the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products to be met.

Note: A variation of an approved arrangement, or of the conditions of an approved arrangement, may be needed to implement an alternative regulatory arrangement or other significant variation (see Subdivisions B and C of Division 1 of Part 4 of Chapter 5 of the Act).

- (2) For the purposes of paragraph 161(3)(c) of the Act, it is a requirement that:
- (a) compliance with the different importing country requirement referred to in paragraph (1)(b) of this section will not result in:
    - (i) the relevant requirements being met; or
    - (ii) the relevant conditions being complied with; and
  - (b) the approved arrangement provides for a system of controls to be implemented to ensure that the different importing country requirement will be complied with; and
  - (c) the system of controls referred to in paragraph (b) of this subsection will be implemented in carrying out operations in accordance with the approved arrangement.

#### 5-47 Significant variations

For the purposes of subparagraph 164(2)(c)(ii) of the Act, the following kinds of variations are prescribed in relation to an approved arrangement for a kind of export operations in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products:

- (a) a variation of the person who manages or controls the export operations;

- (b) a variation of the functions a person is permitted to perform in accordance with the approved arrangement, including the following:
  - (i) making declarations;
  - (ii) manufacturing, supplying, possessing, applying, altering or interfering with an official mark;
  - (iii) applying a mark that is a resemblance (within the meaning of Division 3 of Part 3 of Chapter 8 of this instrument) to the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, or goods containing prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products;
  - (iv) manufacturing, supplying or possessing an official marking device;
- (c) a variation of the export operations that might:
  - (i) jeopardise the wholesomeness of the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products or affect the ability to ensure their integrity; or
  - (ii) adversely affect the ability to accurately assess whether the wholesomeness of the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products has been jeopardised;
- (d) a variation that will provide for operations to prepare rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are not for export, or are animal food or pharmaceutical material, to be carried out as well as operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export;
- (e) a variation that will provide for a technique to be implemented in carrying out operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export that is different from the technique required to be implemented by the Australian Meat Standard;
- (f) a variation that relates to or varies a variation of the approved arrangement to implement an alternative regulatory arrangement approved under paragraph 379C(1)(a) of the Act in relation to operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export.

Note 1: For a person who is taken to be a person who manages or controls export operations, see section 21 of the Act.

Note 2: In relation to paragraph (e) of this subsection, see section 1-9 of this instrument.

## **Division 2—Variations required by Secretary**

### **5-48 Other reasons for requiring holder to vary approved arrangement**

For the purposes of paragraph 165(2)(h) of the Act, the Secretary may require the holder of an approved arrangement for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export to vary an aspect of the arrangement under paragraph 165(1)(a) of the Act if the Secretary is no longer satisfied that compliance with the system of controls provided in the approved arrangement will ensure that there will be reasonable grounds for issuing:

- (a) an export permit for prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products prepared in accordance with the approved arrangement; or
- (b) a government certificate in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products prepared in accordance with the approved arrangement.

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## **Part 5—Matters relating to applications**

### **5-49 Application of this Part**

This Part applies in relation to the following applications:

- (a) an application under section 150 of the Act to approve a proposed arrangement for a kind of export operations in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products;
- (b) an application under section 155 of the Act to renew an approved arrangement for a kind of export operations in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products;
- (c) an application under section 161 of the Act:
  - (i) to approve a variation of an approved arrangement for a kind of export operations in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products; or
  - (ii) to vary the conditions of an approved arrangement for a kind of export operations in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products;
- (d) an application that is taken to have been made under subsection 166(2) of the Act to approve a varied approved arrangement for a kind of export operations in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.

Note 1: If the Secretary has approved a manner for making an application, the application must be made in the approved manner and, if the Secretary has approved a form for making the application, it must include the information required by the form (see paragraphs 377(1)(a) and (b) of the Act).

Note 2: The Secretary may accept any information previously given to the Secretary in connection with an application made under the Act as satisfying any requirement to give that information under subsection 377(1) of the Act (see subsection 377(3) of the Act).

### **5-50 Initial consideration period**

For the purposes of subsection 379(3) of the Act, the initial consideration period for an application is 120 days.

Note: The consideration period for an application starts on the day after the day the Secretary receives the application (see subsection 379(4) of the Act).

### **5-51 Period within which request relating to application must be complied with**

For the purposes of paragraph 379(10)(b) of the Act, the period of 6 months is prescribed.

## **Chapter 7—Export permits**

### **Part 1—Issue of export permit**

#### **7-1 Period of effect of export permit**

For the purposes of paragraph 228(b) of the Act, an export permit for prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products remains in force (unless it is revoked under section 233 of the Act) for 28 days starting on the day the permit is issued.

Note 1: An export permit takes effect when it is issued (see paragraph 228(a) of the Act).

Note 2: An export permit (other than an export permit issued by electronic means) must be retained in a secure place when it is not being used (see section 11-5).

## **Part 2—Variation, suspension and revocation of export permit**

### **7-2 Period of effect of varied export permit**

For the purposes of paragraph 230(b) of the Act, a varied export permit for prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products remains in force (unless it is revoked under section 233 of the Act) for the remainder of the period for which the export permit as originally issued was in force under section 7-1.

Note: A varied export permit takes effect when it is issued (see paragraph 230(a) of the Act).

### **7-3 Circumstances in which export permit may be suspended**

For the purposes of subsection 231(1) of the Act, the following circumstances are prescribed in relation to an export permit for prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products:

- (a) a circumstance referred to in any of paragraphs 233(1)(a) to (f) of the Act;
- (b) a circumstance prescribed by section 7-4 of this instrument.

### **7-4 Other circumstances in which export permit may be revoked**

For the purposes of paragraph 233(1)(g) of the Act, the following circumstances are prescribed in relation to an export permit for prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products:

- (a) there is a risk that the meat or meat products:
  - (i) have deteriorated or are likely to deteriorate; or
  - (ii) are unwholesome or are likely to be unwholesome;
- (b) the meat or meat products are no longer intended to be exported using that export permit;
- (c) a person, other than the holder of the export permit, has given the Secretary information or a document in relation to the meat or meat products that is false, misleading or incomplete;
- (d) a condition or disease that is likely to affect the acceptability of the meat or meat products to the importing country is present in Australian territory;
- (e) the export of the meat or meat products could result in trade in the export of other goods from Australian territory being adversely affected.

Note: If an export permit is revoked, the person to whom it was issued must return the permit to the Secretary within 10 business days (unless it was issued by electronic means) (see section 7-6).

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## Part 3—Other matters

### 7-5 Changes that require additional or corrected information to be given to the Secretary

For the purposes of paragraph 235(1)(b) of the Act, each of the following changes is prescribed in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for which an export permit is in force but that have not been exported:

- (a) there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the integrity of the meat or meat products cannot be ensured;
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to suspect that an importing country requirement relating to the meat or meat products will not be, or is not likely to be, met before the meat or meat products are imported into the importing country;
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to suspect that a prescribed export condition relating to the meat or meat products has not been complied with in circumstances where the condition should have been complied with.

Note: The exporter may be liable to a civil penalty if the exporter fails to comply with a requirement under section 235 of the Act (see subsection 235(3) of the Act).

### 7-6 Return of export permit

- (1) For the purposes of section 236 of the Act, a person to whom an export permit for prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products was issued must return the permit to the Secretary if the permit is revoked. The permit must be returned within 10 business days starting on the day the permit was revoked.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to an export permit that was issued by electronic means.

### 7-7 Notification that prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products are not to be exported

- (1) For the purposes of section 237 of the Act, the holder of an export permit for prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must notify the Secretary, in writing, if it is no longer intended to export the meat or meat products because of a circumstance referred to in section 7-4 of this instrument.
- (2) The notification must be given as soon as practicable, but not later than 10 business days, after the decision not to export the meat or meat products is made.

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**7-8 Application for export permit must include declaration**

(1) For the purposes of paragraph 239(1)(c) of the Act, an application for an export permit for prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must include a declaration stating that:

- (a) the requirements of the Act in relation to the export of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products have been complied with, or will be complied with before the meat or meat products are imported into the importing country; and
- (b) at the date the declaration is made, the importing country requirements (if any) relating to the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products are met.

Note 1: The Secretary may approve a single form for an application for an export permit for prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products and a notice of intention to export the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products (see paragraph 243(4)(b) of the Act).

Note 2: For when requirements to give information (including a declaration) in writing can be met by an electronic communication, see section 9 of the *Electronic Transactions Act 1999*. For electronic signatures, see section 10 of that Act.

Note 3: The Secretary may accept any information or document previously given to the Secretary in connection with an application made under the Act, or a notice of intention to export a consignment of prescribed goods given under the Act, as satisfying any requirement to give that information or document under subsection 239(1) of the Act (see subsection 239(2) of the Act).

(2) A declaration referred to in subsection (1) must be made by:

- (a) a person who:
  - (i) manages or controls operations that are the last operations to prepare the meat or meat products carried out at a registered establishment before export; and
  - (ii) is designated in the approved arrangement as a person who may make the declaration; or
- (b) a Commonwealth authorised officer.

(3) A declaration:

- (a) must not be made if there are no reasonable grounds for making it; and
- (b) must not be false or misleading; and
- (c) must be signed and dated by the person who made it.

Note: A person may commit an offence or be liable to a civil penalty if the person makes a false or misleading statement in an application or provides false or misleading information or documents (see sections 136.1, 137.1 and 137.2 of the *Criminal Code* and sections 367, 368 and 369 of the Act).

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## Chapter 8—Other matters relating to export

### Part 1—Notices of intention to export

#### 8-1 Information to be included in notice of intention to export

For the purposes of paragraph 243(1)(c) of the Act, a notice of intention to export a consignment of, or including, prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must include a declaration stating that all of the information included in the notice of intention to export the consignment is true and correct.

Note 1: The Secretary may approve a single form for a notice of intention to export a consignment of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products and an application for an export permit for the meat or meat products.

Note 2: The Secretary may accept any information or document previously given to the Secretary in connection with an application made under the Act, or a notice of intention to export a consignment of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products given under the Act, as satisfying any requirement to give that information or document under subsection 243(1) of the Act (see subsection 243(2) of the Act).

#### 8-2 Person who must give notice of intention to export

For the purposes of paragraph 243(1)(e) of the Act, a notice of intention to export a consignment of, or including, prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must be given by the person who intends to export the consignment.

#### 8-3 Person to whom notice of intention to export must be given

For the purposes of paragraph 243(1)(f) of the Act, a notice of intention to export a consignment of, or including, prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must be given to the Secretary.

#### 8-4 When notice of intention to export must be given

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 243(1)(g) of the Act, a notice of intention to export a consignment of, or including, prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must be given as soon as reasonably practicable before the date the consignment is proposed to be exported.
- (2) If an assessment of the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products in the consignment is required to be carried out under Part 2 of Chapter 9 of the Act, the notice of intention to export the consignment must be given at a time that will ensure there will be sufficient time for the assessment to be carried out.

Note: It is a prescribed export condition in relation to the export of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that a person prescribed by section 8-2 must have given the Secretary, at the time prescribed by this section, a

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notice of intention to export a consignment of, or including, the meat or meat products  
(see item 4 of the table in section 2-4).

## Part 2—Trade descriptions

### 8-5 Purpose of this Part

For the purposes of section 248 of the Act, this Part makes provision for and in relation to trade descriptions for prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are intended to be exported.

Note: A person may commit an offence or be liable to a civil penalty if the person engages in conduct that contravenes a provision in this Part (see section 249 of the Act).

### 8-6 General requirements for trade descriptions

- (1) A trade description applied to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must:
  - (a) be accurate and unambiguous; and
  - (b) to the extent practicable, be securely attached; and
  - (c) be legible; and
  - (d) be prominent, conspicuous and not obscured in any way; and
  - (e) to the extent practicable, be tamper evident.

Note: For *applied*, in relation to a trade description, see section 247 of the Act.

- (2) Information or pictures that are applied to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products in addition to the trade description must not be inconsistent with the information required to be included in the trade description under Division 5 of Part 2 of Chapter 5 of this instrument (approved arrangements).

### 8-7 Trade descriptions in language other than English

- (1) This section applies in relation to a trade description that is applied to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products if any part of the trade description is in a language (the *foreign language*) other than English.
- (2) The part of the trade description that is in the foreign language must not be inconsistent with the part of the trade description that is in English.
- (3) On request, in writing, by an authorised officer to one of the following persons, the person must make available to an authorised officer a translation in English of the part of the trade description that is in the foreign language:
  - (a) the holder of an approved arrangement for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export at the registered establishment where the trade description was applied to the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products;
  - (b) the holder of an approved arrangement for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for

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export at a registered establishment (other than the registered establishment referred to in paragraph (a)) if the prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products are being held at that registered establishment at the time of the request;

(c) the exporter of the prescribed meat or meat products.

(4) The translation into English required by subsection (3) must be done by a person who:

(a) has appropriate qualifications for doing the translation; and

(b) is not employed by, and is independent of, the person referred to in subsection (3) who is required to make the translation available to an authorised officer.

## Part 3—Official marks

### Division 1—Marks that are official marks

#### 8-8 Purpose of this Division

For the purposes of subsection 255(1) of the Act, this Division provides that specified marks are official marks for the purposes of the Act for rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are intended to be exported.

#### 8-9 Tolerances for dimensions of official marks

The dimensions specified in this Division for an official mark for the purposes of the Act, or a part of such a mark, are subject to the following tolerances:

- (a) for dimensions up to 10 mm— $\pm 1$  mm;
- (b) for dimensions over 10 mm— $\pm 2$  mm.

#### 8-10 Official mark—Australia Inspected

- (1) A mark of the following design (with the registration number of the registered establishment where operations to prepare the relevant rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export were carried out substituted for 'A'), and of the dimensions provided by subsection (2), is an official mark for the purposes of the Act.



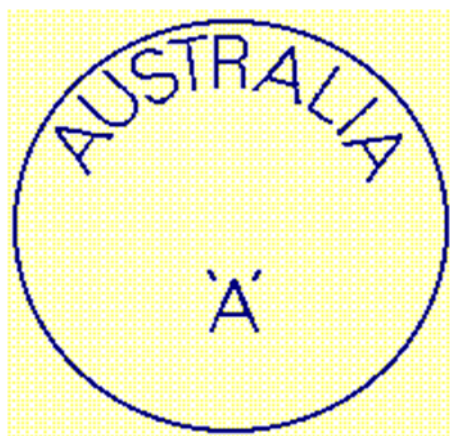
- (2) The dimensions are as specified in:
- (a) for a normal size mark—column 2 of the following table; or
  - (b) for a small size mark—column 3 of the following table; or
  - (c) for a computer-generated mark—column 4 of the following table.

Dimensions—Australia Inspected official mark				
Item	Column 1 Section of mark	Column 2 Normal size mark (mm)	Column 3 Small size mark (mm)	Column 4 Computer-generated mark (mm)
1	Width of mark	65	32	24

<b>Dimensions—Australia Inspected official mark</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Column 1 Section of mark</b>	<b>Column 2 Normal size mark (mm)</b>	<b>Column 3 Small size mark (mm)</b>	<b>Column 4 Computer-generated mark (mm)</b>
2	Height of mark	45	22	17
3	Height of letters	8	3	2
4	Height of establishment registration number	10	3	5

### 8-11 Official mark—foreign country identification

- (1) A mark of the following design (with the relevant foreign country identification mark substituted for ‘A’), and of the dimensions provided by subsection (3), is an official mark for the purposes of the Act.



- (2) For the purposes of this section, a *foreign country identification mark* is a mark that is required to be applied to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are to be imported into that country, as determined by the relevant importing country authority.

Note: For guidance on foreign country identification marks, see MICoR.

- (3) The dimensions are as follows:
- (a) the diameter of the circle—50 mm;
  - (b) the minimum height of the letters in the word “Australia”—6 mm;
  - (c) the dimensions of the foreign country identification mark—as specified for the mark by the relevant importing country authority.

Note: For guidance on the requirements for the dimensions of a foreign country identification mark, see MICoR.

### 8-12 Official mark—tamper-indicative metal strap seal

A seal that:

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- (a) is a tamper-indicative metal strap seal that can be secured in a loop by inserting one end of the seal into or through a protected locking mechanism on the other end; and
  - (b) complies with ISO 17712:2013 *Freight containers—Mechanical seals*, published by the International Organization for Standardization, as that document exists at the commencement of this instrument; and
  - (c) bears the words “Australian Government”; and
  - (d) bears a unique number, or a unique combination of letters and numbers, provided to the manufacturer of the seal by the Department;
- is an official mark for the purposes of the Act.

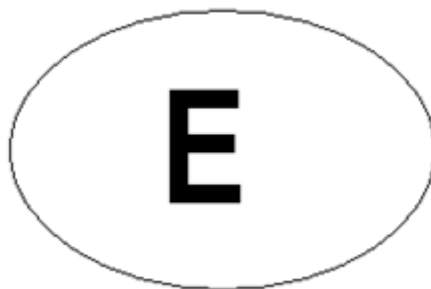
**8-13 Official mark—bolt seal**

A seal that:

- (a) is a high security bolt seal; and
  - (b) complies with ISO 17712:2013 *Freight containers—Mechanical seals*, published by the International Organization for Standardization, as that document exists at the commencement of this instrument; and
  - (c) bears the words “Australian Government”; and
  - (d) bears a unique number, or a unique combination of letters and numbers, provided to the manufacturer of the seal by the Department; and
  - (e) is coated with green or blue plastic;
- is an official mark for the purposes of the Act.

**8-14 Official mark—European Union**

- (1) A mark of the following design, and of the dimensions provided by subsection (2), is an official mark for the purposes of the Act.



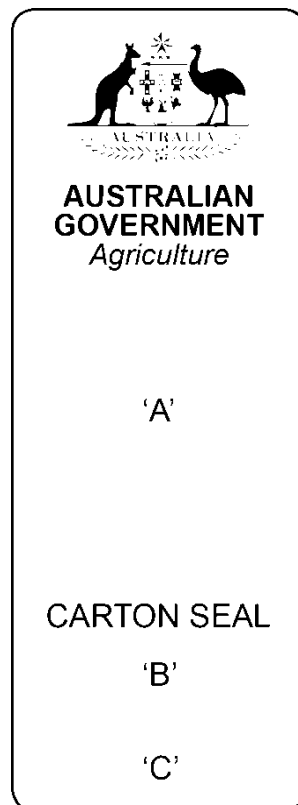
- (2) The dimensions are as specified in:
  - (a) for a normal size mark—column 2 of the following table; or
  - (b) for a small size mark to be applied to a small item or the end panel of a carton—column 3 of the following table; or
  - (c) for a computer-generated mark—column 4 of the following table.

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<b>Dimensions—European Union official mark</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>	<b>Column 4</b>
	<b>Section of mark</b>	<b>Normal size mark (mm)</b>	<b>Small size mark (mm)</b>	<b>Computer-generated mark (mm)</b>
1	Width of mark	65	32	16
2	Height of mark	45	22	11
3	Height of letter “E”	10	3	3

**8-15 Official mark—carton seal**

- (1) A mark:
- (a) of the following design (but with the substitutions provided by subsection (3)); and
  - (b) printed in black, except for the Coat of Arms which is printed in red, on a white or security background; and
  - (c) of the dimensions provided by subsection (2);
- is an official mark for the purposes of the Act.



- (2) The dimensions are:
- (a) width not less than 45 mm, and not more than 75 mm; and
  - (b) height not less than 125 mm, and not more than 160 mm.
- (3) The substitutions in the design of the mark are as follows:

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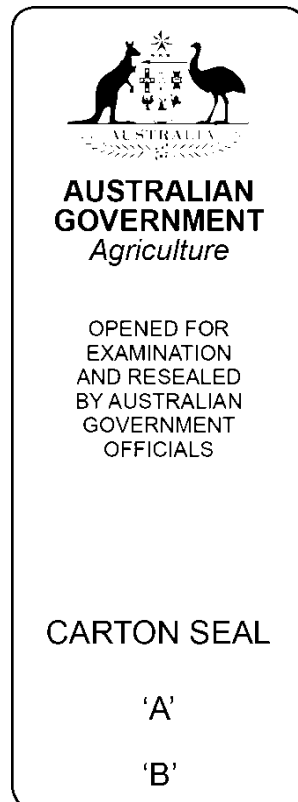
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- (a) to be substituted for ‘A’ is either:
  - (i) the registration number of the registered establishment where operations to prepare the relevant rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export were carried out; or
  - (ii) a mark that resembles the Australia Inspected official mark set out in section 8-10 (with the registration number of the registered establishment where operations to prepare the relevant rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export were carried out);
- (b) a number, or a combination of letters and numbers, associated with the manufacturer of the mark is to be substituted for ‘B’;
- (c) a number, or a combination of letters and numbers, that is unique to each mark is to be substituted for ‘C’.

Note: Carton seals are used for the purposes of meeting an importing country requirement.

**8-16 Official mark—carton seal: rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products opened for assessment and resealed**

- (1) A mark:
  - (a) of the following design (but with the substitutions provided by subsection (3)); and
  - (b) printed in green, except for the Coat of Arms which is printed in red, on a white or security background; and
  - (c) of the dimensions provided by subsection (2);is an official mark for the purposes of the Act.



- (2) The dimensions are:
- (a) width not less than 45 mm, and not more than 75 mm; and
  - (b) height not less than 125 mm, and not more than 160 mm.
- (3) The substitutions in the design of the mark are as follows:
- (a) a number, or a combination of letters and numbers, associated with the manufacturer of the mark is to be substituted for 'A';
  - (b) a number, or a combination of letters and numbers, that is unique to each mark is to be substituted for 'B'.

### **8-17 Official mark—Australian Government**

A mark of the following design (but with a number representing the user of the mark substituted for “XXXX”) is an official mark for the purposes of the Act.

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Note: Sections 8-20 to 8-24 and 8-34 do not apply in relation to an official mark specified in this section (see subsections 8-18(2) and 8-34(2)).

## **Division 2—General rules relating to official marks**

### **8-18 Purpose and application of this Division**

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 255(2) of the Act, this Division makes provision for and in relation to certain matters relating to official marks specified in Division 1 of this Part for rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are intended to be exported.

Note: A person may commit an offence or be liable to a civil penalty if the person engages in conduct that contravenes a provision in this Division (see section 258 of the Act). Other provisions in Division 3 of Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the Act provide offences and civil penalty provisions relating to false, misleading or deceptive official marks.

- (2) Sections 8-20 to 8-24 do not apply in relation to an official mark specified in section 8-17.

### **8-19 Interpretation**

*When an official mark is **applied** to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products*

- (1) For the purposes of this instrument, an official mark is **applied** to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products if the official mark is:
- (a) applied directly to the meat or meat products, their packaging or any covering containing the meat or meat products; or
  - (b) applied to anything attached to the meat or meat products, their packaging or any covering containing the meat or meat products; or
  - (c) inserted into anything in which the meat or meat products are packaged or any covering containing the meat or meat products.

*References to particular official marks*

- (2) In this Division, a reference to a particular official mark is a reference to the official mark with that description specified in Division 1 of this Part.

### **8-20 Persons who may manufacture or supply official marks for rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products**

A person may manufacture or supply a kind of official mark for rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products only if:

- (a) the person is an authorised officer; or
- (b) the manufacture or supply of the official mark by the person is:
  - (i) covered by an approved arrangement; or
  - (ii) in accordance with a direction given by an authorised officer; or
- (c) the Secretary has given the person a written approval to manufacture or supply the official mark in relation to specified rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, and the manufacture or supply is in accordance with that approval.

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Note: For how a direction may be given by an authorised officer, see section 309 of the Act.

### **8-21 Persons who may possess official marks that have not been applied to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products**

A person may possess a kind of official mark for rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that has not been applied to any rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products only if:

- (a) the person is permitted to manufacture or supply official marks of that kind under section 8-20 or to apply official marks of that kind under section 8-22; or
- (b) the person is an authorised officer; or
- (c) the possession of the official mark by the person is:
  - (i) covered by an approved arrangement; or
  - (ii) in accordance with a direction given by an authorised officer; or
- (d) the Secretary has given the person a written approval to possess the official mark at a specified registered establishment and in relation to specified rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, and the possession is in accordance with that approval.

Note: For how a direction may be given by an authorised officer, see section 309 of the Act.

### **8-22 Persons who may apply official marks to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products etc.**

- (1) This section applies in relation to:
  - (a) a bolt seal that is an official mark that is required to be applied to a container system unit under section 5-20; and
  - (b) an official mark that is required to be applied to any of the following under Division 6 of Part 2 of Chapter 5 (approved arrangements):
    - (i) carcasses or carcase parts;
    - (ii) cartons in which prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products are packed.
- (2) The official mark may be applied only by:
  - (a) an authorised officer; or
  - (b) a person acting in accordance with a direction given by an authorised officer; or
  - (c) a person designated in an approved arrangement in accordance with which the official mark is to be applied to the rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products as a person who may apply the official mark; or
  - (d) a person to whom the Secretary has given a written approval to apply the official mark at a specified registered establishment and in relation to specified rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, if the application is in accordance with the approval.

Note: For how a direction may be given by an authorised officer, see section 309 of the Act.

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### **8-23 Circumstances in which official mark must not be applied to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products**

#### *Official marks generally*

- (1) A person must not apply an official mark to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products if:
- (a) the meat or meat products are not wholesome; or
  - (b) the meat or meat products have deteriorated; or
  - (c) the integrity of the meat or meat products cannot be ensured.

Note: For requirements to ensure the integrity of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, see section 5-34.

#### *Foreign country identification official marks and European Union official marks*

- (2) A person must not apply a foreign country identification official mark or a European Union official mark to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products if the circumstances in which that mark may be applied to the meat or meat products, as specified by the relevant importing country authority, no longer exist.

Note: For the foreign country identification mark, see section 8-11. For the European Union official mark, see section 8-14.

### **8-24 Alteration of and interference with official marks**

A person may alter, or interfere with, an official mark (whether or not it has been applied to any rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products) only if:

- (a) the alteration or interference is required or permitted by this instrument; or
- (b) the person is an authorised officer or a person acting in accordance with a direction given by an authorised officer; or
- (c) the person is designated in an approved arrangement as a person who may alter or interfere with an official mark and the alteration or interference is in accordance with the arrangement; or
- (d) the Secretary has given the person a written approval to alter or interfere with an official mark at a specified registered establishment and in relation to specified rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, and the alteration or interference is in accordance with the approval.

Note 1: For how a direction may be given by an authorised officer, see section 309 of the Act.

Note 2: A person may commit an offence or be liable to a civil penalty if the person engages in conduct and the conduct has the result that an official mark applied to certain rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products or documents is altered so as to be false, misleading or deceptive (see sections 261 and 262 of the Act).

### **8-25 Official marks must be legible and securely attached**

An official mark applied to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must be:

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- (a) legible; and
- (b) securely attached.

**8-26 Security of official marks**

A person who is in possession of an official mark that has not been applied to any rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, as permitted by section 8-21, must ensure that the official mark is stored securely.

**8-27 Removal or defacement of official marks**

*Official marks generally*

- (1) If an official mark has been applied to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, the official mark must be removed or defaced if the meat or meat products:
  - (a) are no longer wholesome; or
  - (b) have deteriorated.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), if an official mark has been applied to a carton in which rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products are packed, the official mark must be removed or defaced if it is no longer intended:
  - (a) to export the meat or meat products; or
  - (b) to export the meat or meat products in that carton.

*Foreign country identification official marks and European Union official marks*

- (3) Without limiting subsection (1), if a foreign country identification official mark or a European Union official mark has been applied to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, the official mark must be removed or defaced if the circumstances in which that mark may be applied to the meat or meat products, as specified by the relevant importing country authority, no longer exist.

*Persons who may remove or deface official mark*

- (4) If an official mark has been applied to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products and the official mark is required to be removed or defaced under any of subsections (1) to (3), the official mark must be removed or defaced by:
  - (a) an authorised officer or a person acting in accordance with a direction given by an authorised officer; or
  - (b) a person designated in an approved arrangement in accordance with which the official mark was applied to the meat or meat products as a person who may remove or deface the official mark; or
  - (c) a person to whom the Secretary has given a written approval to remove or deface the official mark at a specified registered establishment and in relation to specified rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite

meat products, if the official mark is removed or defaced in accordance with the approval.

Note 1: For how a direction may be given by an authorised officer, see section 309 of the Act.

Note 2: A person may commit an offence or be liable to a civil penalty if the person engages in conduct that contravenes a provision in this Division (see section 258 of the Act).

### **8-28 Records of official marks manufactured or supplied**

The holder of an approved arrangement that covers the manufacture or supply of official marks for use at establishments that are registered for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export must:

- (a) make a daily written record stating:
  - (i) each kind of official mark manufactured on that day; and
  - (ii) the number of each kind of official mark manufactured on that day; and
- (b) make a written record stating:
  - (i) each day a consignment of official marks was supplied to an establishment that is registered for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export; and
  - (ii) each kind of official mark included in the consignment; and
  - (iii) the means used to transport the consignment.

Note: The holder of the approved arrangement must retain each record made under this section for at least 3 years (see subsection 11-9(1)).

### **8-29 Records of official marks received, applied, removed, defaced, destroyed or returned**

The holder of an approved arrangement for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export at a registered establishment must make a written record of the following:

- (a) consignments of official marks received at the establishment;
- (b) official marks applied to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products at the establishment;
- (c) official marks removed from rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, or defaced, at the establishment;
- (d) official marks destroyed at the establishment;
- (e) official marks returned from the establishment.

Note: The holder of the approved arrangement must retain each record made under this section for at least 3 years (see subsection 11-9(2)).

## **Division 3—Marks resembling official marks**

### **8-30 Purpose of this Division**

For the purposes of section 256 of the Act, this Division makes provision for and in relation to marks (*resemblances*) that:

- (a) resemble an official mark specified in Division 1 of this Part; or
- (b) are apparently intended to resemble or pass for an official mark specified in Division 1 of this Part.

**Note:** A person may commit an offence or be liable to a civil penalty if the person engages in conduct that contravenes a provision in this Division (see section 258 of the Act).

### **8-31 Circumstances in which a mark resembles an official mark**

A mark resembles an official mark specified in Division 1 of this Part if the mark is, in all material respects, of the same design as the official mark, but its dimensions are different from the dimensions specified for the official mark in that Division.

### **8-32 Persons who may apply a resemblance**

A person may apply a resemblance to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, or to goods containing rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, only if the person is designated in an approved arrangement as a person who may apply the resemblance to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, or goods containing rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, and the application of the resemblance is in accordance with the arrangement.

## **Division 4—Official marking devices**

### **8-33 Purpose of this Division**

For the purposes of subsection 257(2) of the Act, this Division makes provision for and in relation to official marking devices that are capable of being used to apply an official mark specified in Division 1 of this Part to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are intended to be exported.

Note: A person may commit an offence or be liable to a civil penalty if the person engages in conduct that contravenes certain provisions in this Division (see section 258 of the Act).

### **8-34 Persons who may manufacture, supply or possess official marking devices**

- (1) A person may manufacture, supply or possess an official marking device only if:
  - (a) the person is an authorised officer or is acting in accordance with a direction given by an authorised officer; or
  - (b) the person is designated in an approved arrangement as a person who may manufacture, supply or possess an official marking device and the manufacture, supply or possession is in accordance with the arrangement; or
  - (c) the Secretary has given the person a written approval to manufacture, supply or possess the official marking device and the manufacture, supply or possession is in accordance with that approval.

Note: For how a direction may be given by an authorised officer, see section 309 of the Act.

- (2) This section does not apply in relation to an official mark specified in section 8-17.

### **8-35 Security of official marking devices**

A person who is in possession of an official marking device, as permitted by section 8-34, must ensure that the official marking device is stored securely when it is not being used.

### **8-36 Damaged etc. official marking devices**

- (1) This section applies if:
  - (a) a person (other than an authorised officer) is in possession of an official marking device; and
  - (b) the person becomes aware that the official marking device is damaged or destroyed, worn or otherwise unfit for applying an official mark to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.
- (2) The person must notify an authorised officer in writing as soon as practicable after becoming aware of that fact and retain the official marking device in a secure place until otherwise directed by an authorised officer.

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**8-37 Records of official marking devices manufactured or supplied**

A person (other than an authorised officer) who is permitted, under section 8-34, to manufacture or supply official marking devices for use at establishments that are registered for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export must:

- (a) make a daily written record stating:
  - (i) each kind of official marking device manufactured by the person on that day; and
  - (ii) the number of each kind of official marking device manufactured by the person on that day; and
  - (iii) the serial number of each official marking device manufactured by the person on that day; and
- (b) make a written record stating:
  - (i) each day official marking devices were supplied by the person to establishments that are registered for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export; and
  - (ii) the means used to transport each official marking device supplied by the person on that day.

Note: A person who is required to make a record under this section must retain the record for at least 3 years (see section 11-10).

**8-38 Records of official marking devices received, used, damaged, destroyed or returned**

The occupier of an establishment that is registered for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export must make a written record of the following:

- (a) official marking devices received at the establishment;
- (b) official marking devices used to apply official marks to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products at the establishment;
- (c) official marking devices damaged or destroyed at the establishment;
- (d) official marking devices returned from the establishment.

Note: The occupier of the registered establishment must retain each record made under this section for at least 3 years (see section 11-10).

## **Chapter 9—Powers and officials**

### **Part 1—Audits**

#### **Division 1—General**

##### **9-1 References to audit in this Part**

In this Part, a reference to an audit is a reference to an audit under Part 1 of Chapter 9 of the Act:

- (a) of export operations carried out in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products; or
- (b) in relation to the performance of functions or the exercise of powers under the Act in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products by a person referred to in subparagraph 267(1)(a)(i), (ii) or (v) of the Act; or
- (c) in relation to compliance by a person referred to in subparagraph 267(1)(a)(i) or (ii) of the Act with the conditions applying to the performance of functions or the exercise of powers under the Act by the person in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.

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## Division 2—Conduct of audit etc.

### 9-2 Purpose of this Division

For the purposes of subsections 270(4) and (5) of the Act, this Division makes provision for and in relation to the following matters:

- (a) the conduct of an audit;
- (b) processes for dealing with any non-compliance with a requirement to which an audit relates;
- (c) audit reports.

### 9-3 Manner in which audit must be conducted

An audit must be conducted:

- (a) as expeditiously as reasonably practicable; and
- (b) in a way that results in minimal interference to the export operations, or the performance of functions or the exercise of powers under the Act, to which the audit relates.

Note: The Secretary need not give notice of an audit (see subsection 270(1) of the Act).

### 9-4 Notice of non-compliance with requirements

- (1) If the result of an audit of export operations under subsection 266(1) of the Act is that, in the auditor's opinion, there is, or there has been, a failure (or a combination of failures) that amounts to a non-compliance with a requirement to which the audit relates, the auditor must:

- (a) immediately after completing the audit, notify, in writing, the relevant person for the audit of the auditor's opinion; and
- (b) assess whether the failure (or combination of failures) is a critical non-compliance.

Note 1: An auditor is an authorised officer or an approved auditor (see the definition of *auditor* in section 12 of the Act).

Note 2: For the person who is the *relevant person* for an audit, see section 269 of the Act.

- (2) If, in the auditor's opinion, the failure (or combination of failures) is a critical non-compliance, the auditor must notify the Secretary, in writing, of that opinion immediately after forming it.

- (3) For the purposes of this section and section 9-5 (audit reports), a failure (or a combination of failures) to comply with a requirement to which an audit relates is a **critical non-compliance** if the failure (or combination of failures):

- (a) results in, or is likely to result in, the export, or the preparation for export, of rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products as food, the integrity of which cannot be ensured; or
- (b) results in, or is likely to result in, the export, or the preparation for export, of rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products as food that:

- (i) are not wholesome; or
  - (ii) are not traceable; or
  - (iii) cannot be recalled if required; or
  - (iv) do not meet an importing country requirement relating to the meat or meat products; or
- (c) prevents, or is likely to prevent, an accurate assessment of whether the integrity of rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products exported, or prepared for export, as food can be ensured; or
- (d) prevents, or is likely to prevent, an accurate assessment of whether rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products exported, or prepared for export, as food:
- (i) are wholesome; or
  - (ii) are traceable and can be recalled if required; or
  - (iii) meet an importing country requirement relating to the meat or meat products.

### 9-5 Audit reports

- (1) After an auditor completes an audit, or the audit ends, the auditor must make a written report (an **audit report**) of the audit.

Note: An auditor is an authorised officer or an approved auditor (see the definition of **auditor** in section 12 of the Act).

- (2) The audit report must include the following:
- (a) the name of the auditor;
  - (b) the day the audit commenced, the day the audit was completed or ended and the total time spent (in hours) conducting the audit;
  - (c) a description of the export operations, or the matters referred to in subsection 267(1) of the Act, to which the audit relates;
  - (d) a description of the nature and scope of the audit.
- (3) The audit report must state:
- (a) whether, in the auditor's opinion:
    - (i) the audit was satisfactorily completed or the audit was ended before it could be satisfactorily completed; and
    - (ii) the requirements to which the audit relates are being, or have been, complied with; and
  - (b) the reasons for the auditor's opinion.
- (4) If the audit identified that there is, or there has been, a failure (or a combination of failures) that amounts to a non-compliance with one or more requirements to which the audit relates, the audit report must:
- (a) describe each failure; and
  - (b) state whether, in the auditor's opinion, the failure (either by itself or in combination with other failures) is a critical non-compliance (within the meaning of subsection 9-4(3)) or has contributed to a critical non-compliance; and

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(c) state the reasons for the auditor's opinion.

(5) The audit report may also:

(a) identify any risk of a potential non-compliance with a requirement to which an audit may relate; and

(b) include recommendations that any of the following actions be taken:

(i) action to address any non-compliance with a requirement to which the audit relates;

(ii) action to ensure that any such non-compliance does not recur;

(iii) action to address the risk of a potential non-compliance with a requirement to which an audit may relate;

(iv) action to assess the effectiveness of an action referred to in subparagraph (i), (ii) or (iii).

(6) The auditor must give a copy of the audit report to the relevant person for the audit before the end of the period of 14 business days beginning on the day the audit is completed or ends.

Note: For the *relevant person* for an audit, see section 269 of the Act.

(7) The Secretary may, by notice in writing given to the auditor, request the auditor to give the Secretary a copy of the audit report. The Secretary may specify in the notice the manner in which the auditor is to give the copy.

(8) The auditor must comply with any request under subsection (7) before the end of the later of the following periods:

(a) the period of 14 business days beginning on the day the Secretary made the request;

(b) the period of 14 business days beginning on the day the audit is completed or ends.

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## **Division 3—Approved auditors**

### **9-6 Purpose of this Division**

For the purposes of subsections 273(6) and (7) of the Act, this Division makes provision for and in relation to matters relating to the approval of individuals to conduct audits.

### **9-7 Application for approval**

- (1) An individual may apply to the Secretary to approve the individual, under subsection 273(1) of the Act, to conduct audits.
- (2) An application must:
  - (a) if the Secretary has approved, in writing, a manner for making an application—be made in an approved manner; and
  - (b) if the Secretary has approved a form for making an application—include the information required by the form; and
  - (c) be accompanied by the following:
    - (i) written evidence of the applicant's qualifications;
    - (ii) a document detailing the applicant's experience to the extent that it is relevant to the work of an auditor;
    - (iii) a document setting out the procedures for the conduct of audits by the applicant;
    - (iv) if an application fee is prescribed by the *Export Control (Fees and Payments) Rules 2021*—the prescribed application fee.
- (3) An application is taken not to have been made if the application does not comply with the requirements referred to in subsection (2).

### **9-8 Secretary must decide whether to approve applicant to conduct audits**

- (1) On receiving an application under section 9-7, the Secretary must decide:
  - (a) to approve the applicant, under subsection 273(1) of the Act, to conduct audits; or
  - (b) to refuse to approve the applicant to conduct audits.

**Note:** A decision to refuse to approve the applicant to conduct audits is a reviewable decision (see section 11-1 of this instrument) and the Secretary must give the applicant written notice of the decision (see section 382 of the Act).

- (2) The Secretary may approve the applicant, under subsection 273(1) of the Act, to conduct audits if the Secretary is satisfied, having regard to any matter that the Secretary considers relevant, that the following additional requirements are met:
  - (a) the applicant is a fit and proper person (having regard to the matters referred to in section 372 of the Act);
  - (b) the applicant has the necessary competency (for example, the knowledge, training, skills or experience) to conduct audits;

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- (c) audits conducted by the applicant will be objective, independent, fair and accurate;
  - (d) the applicant will comply with Division 2 of this Part in relation to audits conducted by the applicant;
  - (e) the applicant will comply with the procedures for conducting audits that are necessary to ensure that:
    - (i) the requirements referred to in paragraphs (c) and (d) are met; and
    - (ii) an accurate assessment can be made of whether the requirements referred to in those paragraphs are met.
- (3) The Secretary may refuse to approve the applicant to conduct audits if:
- (a) the applicant has a relevant Commonwealth liability that has not been paid; or
  - (b) the applicant made a statement that was false, misleading or incomplete, or for which there were no reasonable grounds:
    - (i) in the application; or
    - (ii) in a document required to be provided under the Act; or
  - (c) the applicant gave information or a document that was false, misleading or incomplete, or for which there were no reasonable grounds:
    - (i) to the Secretary or to another person performing functions or exercising powers under the Act; or
    - (ii) to the Secretary or the Department under a prescribed agriculture law.

Note: The Secretary must not approve a person to conduct audits unless the Secretary is satisfied that the person satisfies, or will satisfy, certain training and qualification requirements determined by the Secretary (see subsections 273(3) and (4) of the Act).

**9-9 Dealing with applications**

- (1) For the purpose of making a decision in relation to an application under section 9-7, the Secretary may request the applicant to give the Secretary further specified information or documents relevant to the application.
- (2) A request under subsection (1):
  - (a) must be in writing; and
  - (b) must specify the period within which the request must be complied with; and
  - (c) may specify the manner in which the request is to be complied with.

**9-10 Conditions of approval**

- (1) The Secretary may approve an applicant, under subsection 273(1) of the Act, to conduct audits subject to any conditions the Secretary considers necessary.

Note: A decision to approve the applicant to conduct audits subject to conditions is a reviewable decision (see section 11-1 of this instrument) and the Secretary must give the applicant written notice of the decision (see section 382 of the Act).

- (2) Without limiting the Secretary's power under subsection (1), the conditions of an approval under subsection 273(1) of the Act may relate to the scope of audits the

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approved auditor is approved to conduct, including by reference to any of the following:

- (a) a kind of export operations;
- (b) aspects of a kind of export operations, such as whether:
  - (i) the operations comply, have complied, or will comply with applicable requirements of the Act; or
  - (ii) importing country requirements relating to operations of that kind are being, have been, or will be met; or
  - (iii) the operations are being, have been, or will be carried out in accordance with an approved arrangement;
- (c) a kind of export operations carried out at a kind of place (for example, a registered establishment).

### **9-11 Notice of decision**

If the Secretary approves an applicant, under subsection 273(1) of the Act, to conduct audits, the Secretary must give the applicant a written notice stating the following:

- (a) that the applicant is approved to conduct audits;
- (b) the scope of the audits covered by the approval;
- (c) the date the approval takes effect;
- (d) that the approval remains in force for 12 months unless it is revoked earlier under section 9-14 of this instrument;
- (e) any conditions of the approval imposed under section 9-10 of this instrument.

### **9-12 Period of effect of approval**

An approval of an individual, under subsection 273(1) of the Act, to conduct audits:

- (a) takes effect on the date stated in the notice given to the individual under section 9-11 of this instrument; and
- (b) remains in force for 12 months unless it is revoked earlier under section 9-14 of this instrument.

### **9-13 Imposing or varying conditions of approval**

- (1) If an individual is approved, under subsection 273(1) of the Act, to conduct audits, the Secretary may, if the Secretary considers it necessary to do so:
  - (a) impose conditions on the approval; or
  - (b) vary the conditions of the approval (including by imposing new conditions or removing conditions).

Note: A decision to impose conditions or vary the conditions of an approval to conduct audits is a reviewable decision (see section 11-1 of this instrument) and the Secretary must give the holder of the approval written notice of the decision (see section 382 of the Act).

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- (2) If the Secretary imposes conditions on, or varies the conditions of, an individual's approval, the Secretary must give the individual a written notice stating:
- (a) the conditions imposed or the varied conditions (including any new conditions); and
  - (b) the reason for imposing or varying the conditions; and
  - (c) the date the conditions or varied conditions take effect.

**9-14 Revocation of approval**

- (1) The Secretary may revoke the approval of an individual to conduct audits if the individual requests the Secretary, in writing, to do so or the Secretary is satisfied of any of the following:
- (a) the individual is no longer a fit and proper person (having regard to the matters referred to in section 372 of the Act);
  - (b) the individual does not have the necessary competency (for example, the knowledge, training, skills or experience) to conduct audits of the kind covered by the approval (including the conditions of the approval);
  - (c) the individual failed to show competency in conducting audits;
  - (d) an audit conducted by the individual, or an audit report given to the Secretary by the individual, was not objective, independent, fair or accurate;
  - (e) an audit conducted by the individual was not completed and the audit report did not give any reasonable explanation as to why the audit was not completed;
  - (f) an audit report given to the Secretary by the individual was incomplete;
  - (g) the individual failed to comply with a requirement prescribed by Division 2 of this Part that applied in relation to an audit conducted by the individual;
  - (h) the individual contravened a condition of the approval;
  - (i) the individual made a statement that was false, misleading or incomplete, or for which there were no reasonable grounds:
    - (i) in the application for approval; or
    - (ii) in a document required to be provided under the Act;
  - (j) the individual gave information or a document that was false, misleading or incomplete, or for which there were no reasonable grounds:
    - (i) to the Secretary or to another person performing functions or exercising powers under the Act; or
    - (ii) to the Secretary or the Department under a prescribed agriculture law.
- Note: A decision to revoke an individual's approval to conduct audits (other than at the request of the individual) is a reviewable decision (see section 11-1 of this instrument) and the Secretary must give the holder of the approval written notice of the decision (see section 382 of the Act).
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b) or (c), the Secretary may assess the competency of an approved auditor at any time and in any way the Secretary considers appropriate.

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- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(d), the Secretary may consider any interests, pecuniary or otherwise, of the individual that conflict or could conflict with the conduct of an audit by the individual.
- (4) If the Secretary decides to revoke an individual's approval to conduct audits (other than at the request of the individual), the Secretary must give the individual a written notice stating:
  - (a) that the approval is to be revoked; and
  - (b) the reasons for the revocation; and
  - (c) the date the revocation is to take effect.

**9-15 Register of approved auditors**

- (1) The Secretary must keep a register of individuals who are approved under subsection 273(1) of the Act to conduct audits.
- (2) The register:
  - (a) may be kept at a place and in a form that the Secretary determines; and
  - (b) may be kept by electronic means; and
  - (c) must be publicly accessible.
- (3) The register must include the following information about each individual who is approved under subsection 273(1) of the Act to conduct audits:
  - (a) the individual's name;
  - (b) any conditions of the individual's approval.

**9-16 Fit and proper person test***Fit and proper person test*

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 372(1)(d) of the Act, the following provisions of this instrument are prescribed:
  - (a) section 9-8 (decision to approve an individual to conduct audits);
  - (b) section 9-14 (decision to revoke an approval of an individual to conduct audits).
- (2) For the purposes of subparagraph 372(2)(e)(v) of the Act, section 9-7 of this instrument (application by individual for approval to conduct audits) is prescribed.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph 372(4)(b) of the Act, an approved auditor is prescribed.

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- (4) For the purposes of paragraph 374(1)(g) of the Act, an approved auditor is prescribed.

## Part 2—Assessments

### 9-17 Circumstances in which assessment may be required or permitted

For the purposes of subsection 277(2) of the Act, the Secretary may require or permit an assessment of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products to be carried out by an assessor who is an authorised officer at any stage of operations to prepare the meat or meat products for export if the Secretary considers it is necessary to ensure that one or more objects of the Act will be met in relation to the meat or meat products.

Note: For **assessor**, see section 12 of the Act. For an assessment of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, the assessor is an authorised officer whose functions and powers include carrying out assessments of prescribed meat or meat products under Part 2 of Chapter 9 of the Act.

## Part 3—Powers of the Secretary

### 9-18 Decisions that may be made by operation of computer program

#### *Kinds of decisions*

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 286(2)(a) of the Act, the following decisions may be made by the operation of a computer program (an **authorised computer program**) under an arrangement made under subsection 286(1) of the Act:
  - (a) a decision under paragraph 67(1)(a) of the Act to issue a government certificate in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products;
  - (b) a decision under paragraph 225(1)(a) of the Act to issue an export permit for prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.

#### *Persons who may use computer program*

- (2) For the purposes of paragraph 286(2)(b) of the Act, the following persons may use an authorised computer program:
  - (a) the occupier of a registered establishment where operations to prepare rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export are carried out;
  - (b) the holder of an approved arrangement for operations to prepare rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export at a registered establishment;
  - (c) an exporter of rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products;
  - (d) a person who provides services to, and is authorised in writing by, the occupier, holder or exporter referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this subsection to use the computer program to make the decision;
  - (e) an authorised officer;
  - (f) an APS employee in the Department;
  - (g) a person performing services for the Department under a contract;if the Secretary has given the person a unique identifier to enable the person to access the computer program.

#### *Conditions of use of computer program*

- (3) For the purposes of paragraph 286(2)(c) of the Act, a person who may use an authorised computer program under subsection (2) must:
  - (a) be satisfied on reasonable grounds that information entered into the computer program by the person for the purpose of enabling decisions to be made by operation of the computer program is true and correct; and
  - (b) ensure that the information is accurately entered into the computer program.

## Part 4—Authorised officers

### Division 1—Third party authorised officers

#### 9-19 Requirement to be third party authorised officer—fit and proper person etc.

*Other requirements that must be met for person to be third party authorised officer*

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 291(7)(c) of the Act, it is a requirement for a person to be authorised to be a third party authorised officer whose functions and powers will include carrying out specialised inspection services in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that the person be a fit and proper person (having regard to the matters referred to in section 372 of the Act).

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- (2) For the purposes of paragraph 372(1)(d) of the Act, subsection (1) of this section is prescribed.
- (3) For the purposes of subparagraph 372(2)(e)(v) of the Act, subsection 291(3) of the Act (application by person to be third party authorised officer whose functions and powers will include carrying out specialised inspection services in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products) is prescribed.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph 372(4)(b) of the Act, a person who is a third party authorised officer whose functions and powers include carrying out specialised inspection services in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products is prescribed.

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- (5) For the purposes of subparagraph 374(1)(g) of the Act, a third party authorised officer whose functions and powers include carrying out specialised inspection services in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products is prescribed.

*Meaning of specialised inspection service*

- (6) For the purposes of this section a **specialised inspection service** in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products is an inspection for the purpose of ensuring that the requirements of the Act have been or will be complied with, or importing country requirements are or will be met, in relation to trade descriptions applied, or to be applied, to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.

## **Division 2—Functions and powers**

### **9-20 Purpose of this Division**

For the purposes of section 300 of the Act, this Division confers functions and powers on authorised officers, or classes of authorised officers, that are necessary or convenient to be performed or exercised for the purposes of achieving the objects of the Act in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export.

Note: An authorised officer may only perform functions or exercise powers conferred on an authorised officer by the Act that are specified in the authorised officer's instrument of authorisation (see subsection 301(1) of the Act).

### **9-21 Functions specified in Australian Meat Standard**

An authorised officer may perform all of the functions of a meat safety inspector specified in the Australian Meat Standard.

### **9-22 Applying admission decisions**

- (1) Subject to subsection (3), an authorised officer may apply a decision in accordance with any of clauses 6.4 to 6.9 of the Australian Meat Standard (admission decisions) to an animal that is intended to be slaughtered at a registered establishment.
- (2) An authorised officer may carry out inspections of animals that are intended to be slaughtered at a registered establishment before applying a decision referred to in subsection (1).

Note 1: See also section 6 (supply and admission of animals for slaughter) of the Australian Meat Standard.

Note 2: An authorised officer may apply a decision under this subsection subject to conditions, and may vary a decision applied under this subsection (see section 9-28 of this instrument).

- (3) If an animal has been, or may have been:
  - (a) used for trials or experiments to evaluate drugs, chemicals, biological substances or processes of genetic manipulation; or
  - (b) treated with, or exposed to, a new or unidentified drug, chemical or biological substance;an authorised officer must not decide that the animal is to be admitted to a registered establishment for slaughter unless:
  - (c) the admission is subject to conditions specified by the authorised officer; and
  - (d) the Secretary has notified the authorised officer, in writing, that the animal may be admitted subject to those conditions.

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**9-23 Inspections of animals for slaughter and applying ante-mortem dispositions**

- (1) An authorised officer:
- (a) may carry out inspections of animals that are intended to be slaughtered at a registered establishment; and
  - (b) after inspecting an animal, must apply a disposition in accordance with any of clauses 8.8 to 8.16 and clause 8.19 of the Australian Meat Standard (ante-mortem dispositions) to the animal.

Note 1: See also section 8 (ante-mortem inspection and disposition) of the Australian Meat Standard.

Note 2: An authorised officer may apply a disposition under this subsection subject to conditions, and may vary a disposition applied under this subsection (see section 9-28 of this instrument). For example, an authorised officer may vary a disposition if, after post-mortem inspection, rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products deteriorate or further information is obtained about residue levels.

- (2) However, an authorised officer must not pass an animal for slaughter unless the authorised officer has a written record of:
- (a) the place of production of the animal; and
  - (b) each saleyard (if any) from which the animal has been transferred.

**9-24 Inspections of carcasses and carcass parts and applying post-mortem dispositions**

- (1) An authorised officer may carry out inspections of carcasses and carcass parts in accordance with subsections (3) and (4).
- (2) Subject to sections 9-25 and 9-26, after carrying out an inspection, an authorised officer must apply a disposition to the carcasses or carcass parts in accordance with subsection (5) or (6).

Note 1: See section 10 of the Australian Meat Standard, other than clauses 10.5 and 10.12 which are not required to be met (see subsection 4-3(2) of this instrument).

Note 2: An authorised officer may apply a disposition under this section subject to conditions, and may vary a disposition applied under this section (see section 9-28 of this instrument).

*Inspection procedures*

- (3) The inspection procedures for carcasses and carcass parts are as follows:
- (a) for the carcass or head of an animal—visual examination;
  - (b) for the trachea and oesophagus of an animal—visual examination and palpation;
  - (c) for the heart, liver, spleen, lungs or kidneys of an animal—visual examination and palpation;
  - (d) for the lymph nodes of a rabbit—visual examination, palpation or incision;
  - (e) for the proventriculus and gizzard of a ratite—visual examination and palpation;
  - (f) for the abdominal and thoracic air sacs of a ratite—visual examination and palpation.

- (4) Without limiting subsection (3), any suspect lesions of an animal should be palpated and, if necessary, an incision should be made to detect disease or abnormality.

*Dispositions for carcasses*

- (5) One of the following dispositions must be applied to carcasses:
- (a) passed for human consumption;
  - (b) passed for human consumption and unsuitable for export;
  - (c) passed for human consumption and unsuitable for export to a specified country;
  - (d) retained for final disposition;
  - (e) unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food;
  - (f) unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for pharmaceutical material;
  - (g) condemned.

*Dispositions for carcase parts*

- (6) One of the following dispositions must be applied to carcase parts:
- (a) a disposition referred to in any of paragraphs (5)(a) to (g);
  - (b) derived from an animal the carcase of which is passed for human consumption and the carcase parts require further treatment to be fit for human consumption.

**9-25 Post-mortem dispositions and related actions for rabbit carcasses or carcase parts—disease or abnormality**

- (1) If an authorised officer, after carrying out an inspection of a rabbit carcase or rabbit carcase part in accordance with subsections 9-24(3) and (4):
- (a) has made the primary observation referred to in column 1 of an item in the table in clause 1 of Schedule 1 in relation to the carcase or carcase part; and
  - (b) has made the secondary and tertiary observations (if any) referred to in column 2 and 3 of that item; and
  - (c) believes, or suspects, that the carcase or carcase part is affected by a disease or abnormality referred to in column 4 of that item;
- the authorised officer must apply the disposition, and take the action (if any), referred to in column 5 of that item to the carcase or carcase part.
- (2) An authorised officer may apply a more restrictive disposition to a carcase or carcase part than the disposition required to be applied under subsection (1).

Note 1: An authorised officer may apply a disposition under this section subject to conditions, and may vary a disposition applied under this section (see section 9-28).

Note 2: If this section does not apply in relation to a rabbit carcase or rabbit carcase part that has been inspected by an authorised officer in accordance with subsections 9-24(3) and (4), an authorised officer must apply a disposition to the carcase or carcase part under subsection 9-24(5) or (6) (see subsection 9-24(2)). For example, if an authorised officer makes the observations referred to in columns 1, 2 and 3 of an item in the table in clause 1 of Schedule 1 in relation to a carcase but does not believe or suspect that the

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carcase is affected by a disease or abnormality referred to in column 4 of that item, or believes or suspects that the carcase is affected by a disease or abnormality other than one referred to in that column, the authorised officer must apply a disposition to the carcase under subsection 9-24(5) or (6).

### 9-26 Post-mortem dispositions and related actions for ratite carcasses or carcase parts—disease or abnormality

- (1) If an authorised officer, after carrying out an inspection of a ratite carcase or ratite carcase part in accordance with subsections 9-24(3) and (4):
  - (a) has made the primary observation referred to in column 1 of an item in clause 2 of the table in Schedule 1 in relation to the carcase or carcase part; and
  - (b) has made the secondary and tertiary observations (if any) referred to in column 2 and 3 of that item; and
  - (c) believes, or suspects, that the carcase or carcase part is affected by a disease or abnormality referred to in column 4 of that item;the authorised officer must apply the disposition, and take the action (if any), referred to in column 5 of that item to the carcase or carcase part.
- (2) An authorised officer may apply a more restrictive disposition to a carcase or carcase part than the disposition required to be applied under subsection (1).

Note 1: An authorised officer may apply a disposition under this section subject to conditions, and may vary a disposition applied under this section (see section 9-28).

Note 2: If this section does not apply in relation to a ratite carcase or ratite carcase part that has been inspected by an authorised officer in accordance with subsections 9-24(3) and (4), an authorised officer must apply a disposition to the carcase or carcase part under subsection 9-24(5) or (6) (see subsection 9-24(2)). For example, if an authorised officer makes the observations referred to in columns 1, 2 and 3 of an item in the table in clause 2 of Schedule 1 in relation to a carcase but does not believe or suspect that the carcase is affected by a disease or abnormality referred to in column 4 of that item, or believes or suspects that the carcase is affected by a disease or abnormality other than one referred to in that column, the authorised officer must apply a disposition to the carcase under subsection 9-24(5) or (6).

### 9-27 Inspections of rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products and ratite meat products and applying dispositions

An authorised officer:

- (a) may carry out inspections of rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products; and
- (b) after carrying out an inspection, must apply one of the following dispositions to the meat or meat products:
  - (i) a disposition referred to in any of paragraphs 9-24(5)(a) to (g);
  - (ii) unsuitable for export as food;
  - (iii) unsuitable for export as food to a specified country.

Note 1: An authorised officer may apply a disposition under this section subject to conditions, and may vary a disposition applied under this section (see section 9-28). For example, an authorised officer may vary a disposition applied to meat if, after being inspected, the meat deteriorates or further information is obtained about residue levels in the meat.

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Note 2: See also section 9-34 (powers where integrity of rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products may not be able to be ensured).

## **9-28 Applying decisions or dispositions subject to conditions and variation**

*Admission decisions or dispositions may be subject to conditions*

- (1) An authorised officer may apply:
  - (a) a decision referred to in subsection 9-22(1); or
  - (b) a disposition referred to in paragraph 9-23(1)(b), subsection 9-24(5) or (6), 9-25(1) or 9-26(1), or paragraph 9-27(b);subject to any conditions that are necessary to achieve the objects of the Act.
- (2) Conditions to which a decision or disposition is subject under subsection (1) must be specified by the authorised officer at the time the decision or disposition is applied.

*Variation of admission decisions, dispositions or conditions*

- (3) If an authorised officer reasonably believes that the circumstances that led to the application of a decision or disposition referred to in subsection (1) have changed, an authorised officer may vary:
  - (a) the decision or disposition; or
  - (b) a condition (if any) to which the decision or disposition is subject.

## **9-29 Stopping chain of operations temporarily or controlling rate of operations**

If an authorised officer reasonably believes it is necessary to do so for the purpose of:

- (a) accurately inspecting or applying a decision or disposition to an animal under section 9-22 or 9-23; or
- (b) accurately inspecting or applying a disposition to carcasses or carcase parts under section 9-24, 9-25 or 9-26; or
- (c) accurately inspecting or applying a disposition to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products under section 9-27; or
- (d) performing any other function that is necessary to achieve the objects of the Act in relation to the animal, carcasses or carcase parts or rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products;

the authorised officer may temporarily stop the chain of operations, or control the rate of operations, being carried out in relation to the animal, carcasses or carcase parts or meat or meat products.

## **9-30 Functions to be performed by veterinary officer, or authorised officer acting under supervision of veterinary officer**

- (1) This section applies in relation to the following functions that are to be performed by an authorised officer at a registered establishment:
  - (a) assessing information in relation to an animal that is given to an authorised officer;

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- (b) inspecting animals and applying decisions or dispositions to animals;
  - (c) inspecting restricted slaughter animals, or their carcasses or carcase parts, and applying decisions or dispositions to restricted slaughter animals or their carcasses or carcase parts;
  - (d) implementing procedures for notifiable diseases.
- (2) If a veterinary officer is at the establishment, the functions referred to in paragraphs (1)(a), (b) and (c) must be performed by:
- (a) a veterinary officer; or
  - (b) an authorised officer acting under the supervision of a veterinary officer.
- (3) If a veterinary officer is at the establishment, the function referred to in paragraph (1)(d) must be performed by a veterinary officer.

Note: For *veterinary officer*, see section 1-5.

**9-31 Inspecting establishments and securing areas, facilities, equipment or other things**

- (1) An authorised officer may inspect:
- (a) an establishment, or any area of an establishment, where operations are carried out to prepare or transport rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products; and
  - (b) any facilities or equipment or other things at the establishment or area of the establishment; and
  - (c) any services provided at the establishment or area of the establishment.
- Note: Examples of other things that may be at an establishment or area of an establishment are vehicles or other conveyances.
- (2) If an authorised officer considers it is necessary to enable functions to be performed, or powers to be exercised, under the Act at an establishment in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are to be, or that have been, prepared at the establishment or transported to or from the establishment, an authorised officer may secure an area of the establishment, or facilities or equipment or any other thing at the establishment, that has been, or is to be, inspected under subsection (1), by attaching, or applying, an identification tag or similar means of identification to the area, facilities, equipment or other thing.
- (3) An identification tag, or other means of identification, used under subsection (2) must be in a form approved by the Secretary.
- (4) A person must not remove an identification tag, or other means of identification, that has been attached or applied to an area of an establishment, or facilities, equipment or any other thing, under subsection (2) unless the person:
- (a) is an authorised officer; or
  - (b) is acting in accordance with a direction given by an authorised officer.

Note: For how a direction may be given by an authorised officer, see section 309 of the Act.

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**9-32 Securing and identifying establishment or conveyance etc.**

- (1) An authorised officer may secure or retain and identify, for the purpose of carrying out an assessment or an inspection, or applying a treatment or a disposition, any of the following:
  - (a) a thing found at an establishment that is used, or apparently used, for operations to prepare rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products;
  - (b) a thing found in or on a conveyance that is used, or apparently used, to transport rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products;
  - (c) an area of a registered establishment that is used, or apparently used, for operations to prepare rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, including any facilities or equipment or services provided in that area;
  - (d) an establishment (other than a registered establishment) that is used, or apparently used, for operations to prepare rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products;
  - (e) a conveyance that is used, or apparently used, to transport rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a thing, an area, an establishment or a conveyance must be identified by attaching or applying an identification tag, or similar means of identification, to the thing, area, establishment or conveyance.
- (3) An identification tag, or other means of identification, used under subsection (2) must be in a form approved by the Secretary.
- (4) A person must not remove an identification tag, or other means of identification, that has been attached or applied to a thing, an area, an establishment or a conveyance under subsection (2) unless the person:
  - (a) is an authorised officer; or
  - (b) is acting in accordance with a direction given by an authorised officer.

Note: For how a direction may be given by an authorised officer, see section 309 of the Act.

**9-33 Interference with identified establishment or conveyance etc.**

A person must not interfere with or use any thing, area, establishment or conveyance identified under section 9-32, or move any thing or conveyance identified under section 9-32, unless the person:

- (a) is an authorised officer; or
- (b) is acting in accordance with a direction given by an authorised officer.

Note: For how a direction may be given by an authorised officer, see section 309 of the Act.

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**9-34 Powers where integrity of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products may not be able to be ensured**

- (1) If an authorised officer reasonably believes that the integrity of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products cannot be ensured, the authorised officer may apply one of the following dispositions to the meat or meat products:

- (a) unsuitable for export as food;
- (b) unsuitable for export as food to a specified country.

Note 1: For example, an authorised officer may have been notified under section 5-37 by the holder of an approved arrangement for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export that the integrity of the meat or meat products cannot be ensured.

Note 2: An authorised officer may also give a direction to the holder of the approved arrangement under subsection 305(1) of the Act. See, in particular, paragraph (c) of column 2 of item 3 of the table in that subsection.

- (2) Without limiting the grounds on which an authorised officer may reasonably believe the integrity of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products covered by an approved arrangement cannot be ensured, an authorised officer may form this belief if any of the following circumstances exists:

- (a) a trade description has been applied to the meat or meat products and the trade description:
  - (i) does not comply with section 8-6 (general requirements for trade descriptions); or
  - (ii) has been altered or interfered with in contravention of subsection 250(1) or (2) of the Act;
- (b) a part of a trade description that has been applied to the meat or meat products is in a language other than English and that part is inconsistent with a part of the trade description that is in English;
- (c) an official mark has been applied to the meat or meat products and the official mark:
  - (i) was manufactured or supplied by a person other than a person who was permitted to manufacture or supply the official mark under section 8-20; or
  - (ii) was applied by a person other than a person who was permitted to apply the official mark under section 8-22; or
  - (iii) has been altered or interfered with (whether before or after it was applied) in contravention of section 8-24; or
  - (iv) does not comply with section 8-25 (official marks must be legible and securely applied); or
  - (v) was required to be removed or defaced under section 8-27 and has not been removed or defaced;
  - (vi) was applied by a person using an official marking device that the person was not permitted to possess under section 8-34; or

- (vii) was applied using an official marking device that was manufactured by a person other than a person who was permitted to manufacture the official marking device under section 8-34; or
- (viii) was applied using an official marking device that was supplied by a person other than a person who was permitted to supply the official marking device under section 8-34; or
- (d) a mark that is a resemblance (within the meaning of Division 3 of Part 3 of Chapter 8 of this instrument) has been applied to the meat or meat products in contravention of section 8-32;
- (e) a condition of the approved arrangement prescribed by a provision of any of Divisions 4 to 7 of Part 2 of Chapter 5 has not been complied with in relation to the meat or meat products in circumstances where the condition should have been complied with before the integrity of the meat or meat products was called into question.

Note 1: For *applied* in relation to an official mark, see subsection 8-19(1) of this instrument.

Note 2: For *applied* in relation to a trade description, see section 247 of the Act.

Note 3: Divisions 4 to 7 of Part 2 of Chapter 5 (approved arrangements) deal with trade descriptions, official marks, segregation, identification, security, traceability and integrity, and transfers.

### **9-35 Giving certificate of condemnation**

An authorised officer may give a certificate of condemnation for an animal, or a carcase or carcase part, if:

- (a) the animal, or carcase or carcase part, has been condemned at a registered establishment; and
- (b) the holder of the approved arrangement covering export operations carried out in relation to the animal, or carcase or carcase part, at the registered establishment gives the authorised officer a written request for the certificate within 30 days after the day the animal, or carcase or carcase part, was condemned; and
- (c) the authorised officer is satisfied that the holder of the approved arrangement has records that enable the authorised officer to verify the ownership of the animal, or carcase or carcase part.

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**Division 3—Directions to deal with non-compliance with the Act etc.**

**9-36 Other grounds for giving direction**

For the purposes of item 8 of the table in subsection 305(1) of the Act:

- (a) each person (a *relevant person*) referred to in column 1 of an item in the following table is prescribed; and
- (b) each ground referred to in column 2 of that item is prescribed in relation to the relevant person prescribed by that item.

<b>Directions to deal with non-compliance with the requirements of the Act etc.</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Column 1 Relevant person</b>	<b>Column 2 Grounds for giving direction</b>
1	The applicant for a government certificate in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products	Any of the following: (a) some or all of the meat or meat products do not comply, or are not likely to comply, with a requirement of the Act that applies in relation to the meat or meat products; (b) some or all of the meat or meat products do not meet, or are not likely to meet, an importing country requirement relating to the meat or meat products; (c) a matter to be stated in the government certificate in relation to the meat or meat products is not true and correct
2	The holder of a government certificate in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products	Any of the following: (a) some or all of the meat or meat products do not comply, or are not likely to comply, with a requirement of the Act that applies in relation to the meat or meat products; (b) some or all of the meat or meat products do not meet, or are not likely to meet, an importing country requirement relating to the meat or meat products; (c) a matter to be stated in the government certificate in relation to the meat or meat products is not true and correct
3	The applicant for an export permit for prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products	Either of the following: (a) some or all of the meat or meat products are not wholesome or have deteriorated; (b) it is likely that the integrity of some or all of the meat or meat products cannot be ensured
4	The holder of an export permit for prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products	Either of the following: (a) some or all of the meat or meat products are not wholesome or have deteriorated; (b) it is likely that the integrity of some or all of the

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>
	<b>Relevant person</b>	<b>Grounds for giving direction</b>
		meat or meat products cannot be ensured

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## **Division 4—Miscellaneous**

### **9-37 Circumstances in which identity card need not be carried**

For the purposes of subsection 306(5) of the Act, an identity card need not be carried in an establishment, or a part of an establishment, if:

- (a) it would be unsafe or unhygienic to do so; or
- (b) there would be a risk of the card, or of rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products, being contaminated.

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## Chapter 10—Compliance and enforcement

### 10-1 Samples taken in exercising monitoring or investigation powers

If a sample is taken as permitted by paragraph 327(2)(a) of the Act (additional monitoring power) or subsection 330(2) of the Act (additional investigation power), the sample must be:

- (a) identified with a mark or a tag; and
- (b) kept in the custody or control of an authorised officer until whichever of the following first occurs:
  - (i) the sample is destroyed during testing or analysis in accordance with section 412 of the Act;
  - (ii) the sample is given to an analyst appointed under section 413 of the Act;
  - (iii) the sample is otherwise disposed of.

### 10-2 Dealing with things seized in exercising investigation powers

If a thing has been seized at premises that have been entered under an investigation warrant or under subsection 347(1) of the Act, the thing must be:

- (a) identified with a mark or a tag; and
- (b) kept in the custody or control of an authorised officer until whichever of the following first occurs:
  - (i) the thing is given to an analyst appointed under section 413 of the Act;
  - (ii) the thing is destroyed during testing or analysis in accordance with section 412 of the Act;
  - (iii) the thing is forfeited in accordance with subsection 416(1) of the Act;
  - (iv) the thing is destroyed or otherwise disposed of in accordance with section 418 of the Act;
  - (v) the thing is returned in accordance with subsection 66(4) of the Regulatory Powers Act;
  - (vi) the thing is disposed of in accordance with section 68 of the Regulatory Powers Act.

Note: Subsection 347(1) of the Act provides for entry, in certain circumstances, to premises that are, or that form part of, a registered establishment.

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## Chapter 11—Miscellaneous

### Part 1—Review of decisions

#### 11-1 Reviewable decisions

For the purposes of subsection 381(2) of the Act:

- (a) each decision referred to in column 1 of an item in the following table is a reviewable decision; and
- (b) the person referred to in column 3 of that item is the relevant person for the reviewable decision.

<b>Reviewable decisions</b>			
<b>Item</b>	<b>Column 1 Reviewable decision</b>	<b>Column 2 Provision of this instrument under which the reviewable decision is made</b>	<b>Column 3 Relevant person for the reviewable decision</b>
1	To determine a new allocation of meat inspection services to an establishment	Subsection 4-31(1) or paragraph 4-35(6)(b)	The occupier of the establishment
2	To refuse to vary the allocation of meat inspection services to an establishment	Paragraph 4-32(5)(b)	The occupier of the establishment
3	To refuse to allocate additional meat inspection services to an establishment	Paragraph 4-33(8)(b)	The occupier of the establishment
4	To refuse to approve an individual to conduct audits	Paragraph 9-8(1)(b)	The individual who applied for the approval
5	To approve an individual to conduct audits subject to conditions	Subsection 9-10(1)	The individual who applied for the approval
6	To impose conditions on, or vary the conditions of, an approval of an individual to conduct audits	Subsection 9-13(1)	The individual who is approved
7	To revoke the approval of an individual to conduct audits (other than at the request of	Subsection 9-14(1)	The individual whose approval has been revoked

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<b>Reviewable decisions</b>			
<b>Item</b>	<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
	<b>Reviewable decision</b>	<b>Provision of this instrument under which the reviewable decision is made</b>	<b>Relevant person for the reviewable decision</b>
	the individual)		

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## Part 2—Records

### 11-2 Purpose of this Part

For the purposes of subsections 408(1) and (2) of the Act, this Part makes provision for and in relation to the retention of records in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.

Note: A person may commit an offence of strict liability if the person is required to retain a record in accordance with a provision of this Part and the person fails to comply with the requirement (see subsection 408(3) of the Act).

### 11-3 General requirements for records

- (1) A record that is required to be retained under this Part in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must be:
  - (a) in English; and
  - (b) if the record was required to be in another language to meet importing country requirements—in that other language; and
  - (c) dated; and
  - (d) accurate, legible and able to be audited.
- (2) If a person is required to retain a document under this Part, the person is taken to have complied with the requirement if:
  - (a) the person is required, under a law of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory or in accordance with ordinary commercial practice, to give the document to another person; and
  - (b) the person gives the document to the other person as required; and
  - (c) the person retains a copy of the document.

### 11-4 Government certificates

- (1) A person to whom a government certificate in relation to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products is issued under the Act must retain the certificate in a secure place when it is not being used.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to a government certificate that was issued by electronic means.

### 11-5 Export permits

- (1) A person to whom an export permit for prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products is issued under the Act must retain the export permit in a secure place when it is not being used.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to an export permit that was issued by electronic means.

### **11-6 Records to be retained by exporter**

- (1) An exporter of prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must retain the following records:
  - (b) each application by the exporter for an export permit for prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products;
  - (c) each other document:
    - (i) that is made by the exporter or that comes into the exporter's possession; and
    - (ii) that is relevant to showing whether the exporter has complied, or is complying, with the applicable requirements of the Act.
- (2) The exporter must retain each record referred to in subsection (1) for at least 2 years starting on the day the record is made by the exporter or comes into the exporter's possession (as the case may be).

### **11-7 Records to be retained by occupier of registered establishment**

- (1) The occupier of a registered establishment must retain each document:
  - (a) that is made by the occupier or that comes into the occupier's possession; and
  - (b) that is relevant to showing whether the occupier has complied, or is complying, with the applicable requirements of the Act (including whether the conditions of the registration of the establishment have been, and are being, complied with).
- (2) The occupier of the registered establishment must retain each record referred to in subsection (1) for at least 2 years starting on the day the record is made by the occupier or comes into the occupier's possession (as the case may be).

### **11-8 Records to be retained by holder of approved arrangement**

- (1) The holder of an approved arrangement for a kind of export operations in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must retain each document:
  - (a) that is made by the holder or that comes into the holder's possession; and
  - (b) that is relevant to showing whether the holder has complied, or is complying, with:
    - (i) the applicable requirements of the Act; and
    - (ii) the approved arrangement; and
    - (iii) the conditions of the approved arrangement.

Note: For example, the holder of an approved arrangement for operations to prepare rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must retain each record made under subsections 5-42(2) (verification of compliance), 5-43(2) (action to address non-compliance) and 5-44(3) (internal audits and management reviews).

- (2) The holder of the approved arrangement must retain each record referred to in subsection (1) for at least 2 years starting on the day the record is made by the holder or comes into the holder's possession (as the case may be).
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### 11-9 Records relating to official marks

#### *Official marks manufactured or supplied*

- (1) The holder of an approved arrangement that covers the manufacture or supply of official marks for use at establishments that are registered for operations to prepare rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export must retain each record made under section 8-28 for at least 3 years after making it.

#### *Official marks received, applied, removed, defaced, destroyed or returned*

- (2) The holder of an approved arrangement for operations to prepare prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products for export at a registered establishment must retain each record made under section 8-29 for at least 3 years after making it.

### 11-10 Records relating to official marking devices

A person who is required to make a record under section 8-37 or 8-38 must retain each record made under that section for at least 3 years after making it.

### 11-11 Records must not be altered or defaced during retention period

- (1) A record that is retained as required under this Part must not be altered or defaced during the period (the *retention period*) in which it is required to be retained.
- (2) However, subsection (1) does not prevent notations or markings being made on the record in accordance with ordinary practice.
- (3) If the record (the *original record*) is altered or defaced during the retention period, the person who is required to retain the original record must also retain, during the retention period, each document:
  - (a) that the person creates or that comes into the person's possession; and
  - (b) that shows how the original record was altered or defaced.

## **Part 3—Samples**

### **11-12 Storage of samples**

- (1) For the purposes of section 411 of the Act, a sample that may be tested or analysed under the Act must be held under conditions that are unlikely to affect the result of any testing or analysis of the sample.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to a sample that may be tested or analysed in the performance of functions or duties or the exercise of powers under Chapter 10 of the Act (compliance and enforcement) or the Regulatory Powers Act.

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## **Part 4—Damaged or destroyed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products**

### **11-13 Division of compensation between owners**

For the purposes of paragraph 420(2)(b) of the Act, compensation in respect of rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are owned by 2 or more owners must be divided among those owners so that each owner is paid an amount of compensation that is equal to the proportion that the Secretary is satisfied represents the owner's interest in the meat or meat products at the time the meat or meat products were damaged or destroyed.

### **11-14 Amount of compensation**

#### *Damaged rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products*

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 420(5) of the Act, the amount of compensation payable under subsection 419(1) of the Act in respect of rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are damaged by a person in the course of performing functions or duties, or exercising powers, under the Act is the lesser of the following amounts:
- (a) the amount that the Secretary determines was the market value of the meat or meat products immediately before they were damaged;
  - (b) the cost to repair the damage.

Note: Subsection 419(2) of the Act provides that compensation is not payable in respect of goods that are damaged as a result of samples of the goods being taken:

- (a) during an audit conducted in relation to the goods under Part 1 of Chapter 9 of the Act; or
- (b) during an assessment of the goods under Part 2 of Chapter 9 of the Act; or
- (c) as permitted by subsection 327(2) or 330(2) of the Act.

#### *Destroyed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products*

- (2) For the purposes of subsection 420(5) of the Act, the amount of compensation payable under subsection 419(1) of the Act in respect of rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products that are destroyed under the Act is the amount that the Secretary determines was the market value of the meat or meat products immediately before they were destroyed.

## Part 5—Relevant Commonwealth liabilities

### 11-15 Circumstances in which relevant Commonwealth liability of a person is taken to have been paid

*Purpose of this section*

- (1) For the purposes of section 431 of the Act, this section prescribes circumstances in which a relevant Commonwealth liability of a person is taken to have been paid for the purposes of any of the following provisions of the Act (a **relevant provision**):
- (a) paragraph 112(2)(b) (registration of establishment);
  - (b) paragraph 117(2)(b) (renewal of registration of establishment);
  - (c) paragraph 151(2)(b) (approval of proposed arrangement);
  - (d) paragraph 156(2)(b) (renewal of approved arrangement);
  - (e) paragraph 161(3)(a) (variation of approved arrangement).

Note: For **relevant Commonwealth liability**, see section 12 of the Act.

*Payment undertaking may be given*

- (2) A relevant Commonwealth liability of a person is taken to have been paid for the purposes of a relevant provision if:
- (a) the person, or another person, has given a written undertaking (a **payment undertaking**) to the Secretary to pay the amount of the relevant Commonwealth liability; and
  - (b) the payment undertaking includes a term that the relevant Commonwealth liability is to be reduced by each amount paid in accordance with the undertaking; and
  - (c) the Secretary has accepted the payment undertaking, having considered the following matters:
    - (i) the financial position of the person who gave the payment undertaking;
    - (ii) the nature and likely cost of the export operations to which a decision under the relevant provision relates;
    - (iii) whether the person who gave the payment undertaking will be able to comply with the undertaking and, if applicable, meet the cost of the export operations referred to in subparagraph (ii);
    - (iv) any other relevant considerations.
- (3) A payment undertaking may be given by a person in relation to:
- (a) a relevant Commonwealth liability of the person; or
  - (b) a relevant Commonwealth liability of another person.

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*Payment undertaking may relate to 2 or more relevant Commonwealth liabilities*

- (4) A single payment undertaking may relate to 2 or more relevant Commonwealth liabilities.
- (5) If:
  - (a) a payment undertaking relates to 2 or more relevant Commonwealth liabilities; or
  - (b) a person has given 2 or more payment undertakings in relation to different relevant Commonwealth liabilities of the person or of another person;the Secretary may determine the order in which payments are to be applied to reduce the outstanding relevant Commonwealth liabilities.

*Variation of payment undertaking*

- (6) A payment undertaking may be varied at any time by agreement between the Secretary and the person who gave the undertaking.
- (7) The Secretary may agree to a variation of a payment undertaking if:
  - (a) having considered the matters referred to in paragraph (2)(c), the Secretary considers the variation is appropriate; and
  - (b) the variation does not reduce the amount of any relevant Commonwealth liability covered by the undertaking that has not been paid.

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# Chapter 12—Application, saving and transitional provisions

## Part 1—Preliminary

### 12-1 Definitions

In Parts 2 and 3 of this Chapter:

***Australian Rabbit Meat Standard*** means Australian Standard AS 4466:1997, *Australian Standard for Hygienic Production of Rabbit Meat for Human Consumption*, as that Standard exists at the commencement of this instrument.

***Australian Ratite Meat Standard*** means Australian Standard 5010:2001, *Australian Standard for Hygienic Production of Ratite (Emu/Ostrich) Meat for Human Consumption*, as that Standard exists at the commencement of this instrument.

***commencement time*** means the time when section 3 of the *Export Control Act 2020* commences.

***old Export Control (General) Order*** means the *Export Control (Prescribed Goods—General) Order 2005*, as in force immediately before the commencement time.

***old Export Control (Rabbit and Ratite Meat) Orders*** means the *Export Control (Rabbit and Ratite Meat) Orders 1985*, as in force immediately before the commencement time.

## **Part 2—Other matters relating to export**

### **Division 1—Official marks**

#### **12-2 Person approved before commencement time to manufacture an official mark**

- (1) This section applies in relation to a person who, immediately before the commencement time, was approved by the Secretary under subsection 13.18(2) of the old Export Control (General) Order to manufacture an official mark in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.
- (2) The person is taken, at the commencement time, to have been given a written approval by the Secretary under paragraph 8-20(c) of this instrument to manufacture or supply the official mark at a registered establishment in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.

#### **12-3 Person approved before commencement time to possess an official mark**

- (1) This section applies in relation to a person who, immediately before the commencement time, was approved by the Secretary under paragraph 13.18(3)(e) of the old Export Control (General) Order as a person who may possess an official mark (other than an official mark that has been applied to goods) in a specified registered establishment in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.
- (2) The person is taken, at the commencement time, to have been given a written approval by the Secretary under paragraph 8-21(d) of this instrument to possess the official mark at the registered establishment in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.

#### **12-4 Person approved before commencement time to apply an official mark**

- (1) This section applies in relation to a person who, immediately before the commencement time, was approved by the Secretary under paragraph 13.18(3)(e) of the old Export Control (General) Order as a person who may apply an official mark in a specified registered establishment in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.
- (2) The person is taken, at the commencement time, to have been given a written approval by the Secretary under paragraph 8-22(2)(d) of this instrument to apply the official mark at the registered establishment in relation to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.

## **Division 2—Official marking devices**

### **12-5 Person approved before commencement time to manufacture an official marking device**

- (1) This section applies in relation to a person who, immediately before the commencement time, was a person approved by the Secretary under subsection 13.18(2) of the old Export Control (General) Order to manufacture an official marking device that is capable of being used to apply an official mark to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.
- (2) The person is taken, at the commencement time, to have been given a written approval by the Secretary under paragraph 8-34(1)(c) of this instrument to manufacture or supply the official marking device.

### **12-6 Person approved before commencement time to possess an official marking device**

- (1) This section applies in relation to a person who, immediately before the commencement time, was a person approved by the Secretary under subsection 13.18(2) of the old Export Control (General) Order to possess an official marking device that is capable of being used to apply an official mark to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products.
- (2) The person is taken, at the commencement time, to have been given a written approval by the Secretary under paragraph 8-34(1)(c) of this instrument to possess the official marking device.

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## Part 3—Powers and officials

### 12-7 Decision or disposition applied, but not complied with, before commencement time

- (1) This section applies if:
  - (a) a decision or a disposition had been applied in accordance with the Australian Rabbit Meat Standard or the Australian Ratite Meat Standard to an animal, a carcase or a carcase part, to which the old Export Control (Rabbit and Ratite Meat) Orders applied; and
  - (b) the decision or disposition had not been complied with before the commencement time.

*Admission decisions*

- (2) A decision about an animal that is intended to be slaughtered must be complied with after the commencement time as if the decision had been applied under subsection 9-22(1) of this instrument.

*Ante-mortem dispositions*

- (3) A disposition that had been applied to an animal must be complied with after the commencement time as if the disposition had been applied under paragraph 9-23(1)(b) of this instrument.

*Disposition applied to carcase or carcase part*

- (4) A disposition that had been applied to a carcase or carcase part must be complied with after the commencement time as if the disposition had been applied under subsection 9-24(5) or (6), 9-25(1) or 9-26(1) of this instrument (as the case requires).

*Disposition applied to rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products*

- (5) A disposition that had been applied to prescribed rabbit meat, ratite meat, rabbit meat products or ratite meat products must be complied with after the commencement time as if the disposition had been applied under paragraph 9-27(b) of this instrument.

## **Part 4—Amendments made by the Export Control Legislation Amendment (2024 Measures No. 2) Rules 2024**

### **12-8 Amendments made by the *Export Control Legislation Amendment (2024 Measures No. 2) Rules 2024***

Section 4-25, as amended by Schedule 1 to the *Export Control Legislation Amendment (2024 Measures No. 2) Rules 2024*, applies in relation to applications under subsection 4-24(1) made on or after 1 November 2024.

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**Part 5—Amendments made by the Export Control  
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Rules 2025**

**12-9 Amendments made by the *Export Control Legislation Amendment (2025  
Measures No. 2) Rules 2025***

The amendment of this instrument made by Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the *Export Control Legislation Amendment (2025 Measures No. 2) Rules 2025* applies in relation to an audit that is completed or ends on or after the commencement of that Part.

## Schedule 1—Post-mortem dispositions and related actions

Note: See sections 9-25 and 9-26.

### Part 1—Rabbit carcasses or carcase parts

#### 1 Post-mortem dispositions and related actions for rabbit carcasses or carcase parts—disease or abnormality

The following table has effect for the purposes of section 9-25.

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1	Abscess	Soft pus	Only local involvement	Any of the following: (a) Pasteurellosis; (b) Meliodosis; (c) Staphylococcosis	Trim affected areas without spillage. Trimmings and associated lymph nodes—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
2	Abscess	Soft pus	Systemic involvement (fever, swollen lymph nodes)	Any of the following: (a) Bacteraemia; (b) Septicaemia; (c) Meliodosis; (d) Staphylococcosis; (e) Necrobacillosis	Condemned
3	Abscesses, multiple	Soft pus	Minimal systemic involvement	Any of the following: (a) Pasteurellosis;	Condemned

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				(b) Meliodosis; (c) Staphylococcosis	
4	Abscess granuloma	Hard pus	Multiple abscesses	Either of the following: (a) Pseudotuberculosis; (b) Tuberculosis	Condemned
5	Abscesses in liver	Pinpoint grey and white foci	With or without systemic involvement	Listeriosis	Condemned
6	Abscesses in liver	Small yellowish white nodules		Coccidiosis	Liver—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
7	Abnormal odour	Mild	No systemic change	Any of the following: (a) metabolic; (b) plant; (c) sexual	Hold under refrigeration for reinspection. If odour dissipates—passed for human consumption
8	Abnormal odour	Mild	No systemic change	Chemical	If possibly harmful when consumed—condemned. Otherwise, hold under refrigeration for reinspection and, if identified chemical is acceptable under the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code: (a) if odour dissipates—passed for human consumption; or (b) if odour remains—unfit for

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					human consumption and may be recovered for animal food
9	Abnormal odour	Strong	No systemic change	Any of the following: (a) metabolic; (b) plant; (c) sexual; (d) chemical	If possibly harmful when consumed—condemned. Otherwise, hold under refrigeration for reinspection and: (a) if odour dissipates—passed for human consumption; or (b) if odour remains—unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food
10	Abnormal odour	Putrefaction		Failure of refrigeration	Condemned
11	Anaemia	Slight change		Either of the following: (a) gastrointestinal parasites; (b) metabolic disease	Passed for human consumption
12	Anaemia	Pronounced change	No systemic involvement	Either of the following: (a) gastrointestinal parasites; (b) metabolic disease	Unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food or pharmaceutical material
13	Arthritis	Single joint	No systemic involvement	Either of the following: (a) trauma; (b) previous infection	Trim affected parts. Trimmings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
14	Arthritis	Multiple joints	No systemic involvement	Any of the following: (a) previous infection;	Trim affected parts. Trimmings—condemned.

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				(b) metabolic disease; (c) congenital condition	Remainder—passed for human consumption
15	Arthritis	Multiple joints	Systemic involvement	Necrobacillosis	Condemned
16	Bruising	Surface only		Trauma	Trim lesion and the immediately surrounding tissue. Trimmings—unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food or pharmaceutical material. Remainder—passed for human consumption
17	Bruising	Deep		Extensive trauma	Trim lesion and the immediately surrounding tissue. Trimmings—unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food or pharmaceutical material. Remainder—passed for human consumption
18	Congested blood vessels	No evidence of fever	Lungs congested	Heat stress	Passed for human consumption. Check harvesting procedures immediately
19	Congested blood vessels	Systemic involvement	Evidence of fever	Any of the following: (a) Pneumonia;	Condemned

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				(b) Salmonella; (c) Calicivirus	
20	Contamination	Slight		Poor dressing technique	Trim affected areas. Trimmings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
21	Contamination	Gross		Poor dressing technique	Condemned
22	Cysts (fluid-filled cavity)			Either of the following: (a) <i>C. pisiformis</i> ; (b) <i>M. serialis</i>	Trim lesion and the immediately surrounding tissue. Trimmings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
23	Dermatitis	No systemic involvement		Any of the following: (a) fleas; (b) mites (c) ticks	Skin carcase. Skin—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
24	Developmental abnormalities	No systemic involvement		Congenital deformity	Trim lesion and the immediately surrounding tissue. Trimmings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
25	Ecchymosis	No systemic involvement		Improper killing procedure	Trim lesion and the immediately surrounding tissue.

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					Trimmings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption. Check harvesting procedures immediately
26	Emaciation	No systemic involvement		Nutritional stress	Unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food or pharmaceutical material
27	Emaciation	Systemic involvement		Either of the following: (a) Bacteraemia; (b) disease conditions	Condemned
28	Fatty liver	No systemic involvement		Metabolic disease	Unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food or pharmaceutical material
29	Fibrotic tracts in liver		No systemic involvement	Either of the following: (a) <i>C. pisiformis</i> ; (b) <i>M. serialis</i>	Liver—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
30	Fistula	No systemic involvement		Either of the following: (a) Staphylococcus; (b) Necrobacillosis	Trim affected areas. Trimmings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
31	Fistula	Systemic involvement		Any of the following: (a) Staphylococcus;	Condemned

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				(b) Necrobacillosis; (c) Bacteraemia	
32	Flystrike lesion	Minor	No systemic involvement	Flystrike	Trim affected areas. Trimmings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
33	Flystrike lesion	Systemic involvement	Only regional lymph nodes involved	Flystrike	Trim lesion, affected areas and regional lymph nodes. Trimmings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
34	Flystrike lesion	Systemic involvement	Fever evident	Flystrike	Condemned
35	Gastrointestinal tract inflammation	No systemic involvement	No peritonitis	Gastrointestinal parasitism	Gastrointestinal tract—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
36	Gastrointestinal tract inflammation	Necrosis of the ileum, large intestine and caecum	With or without peritonitis	<i>Bacillus piliformis</i> (Tyzzer's disease)	Condemned
37	Gastrointestinal tract inflammation	Systemic involvement	With or without peritonitis	Either of the following: (a) Salmonellosis; (b) Bacteraemia	Condemned
38	Genital tract scabs	Vagina or prepuce affected		Spirochaetosis	Trim affected areas. Trimmings—condemned.

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					Remainder—passed for human consumption
39	Grass seed	No systemic involvement		Grass seed	Trim lesion and the immediately surrounding tissue. Trimmings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
40	Grass seed	Systemic involvement		Grass seed	Condemned
41	Healed fracture	Localised with no systemic involvement		Old trauma	Trim lesion and the immediately surrounding tissue. Trimmings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
42	Healed fracture	Excessive with no systemic involvement		Either of the following: (a) rickets; (b) old trauma	Trim lesion and the immediately surrounding tissue. Trimmings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
43	Impaction	Fluid-filled abdomen	Emaciation	Muroid enteropathy	Condemned
44	Incomplete bleeding	No systemic involvement		Poor technique	Unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food or pharmaceutical material. Check bleeding procedure
45	Jaundice	Slight	No systemic	Metabolic disease	Hold under refrigeration for

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					reinspection and: (a) if improved—passed for human consumption; or (b) if insufficient improvement—unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food
46	Jaundice	Pronounced	Both of the following: (a) no systemic involvement; (b) cartilage and synovia affected	Metabolic disease	Hold under refrigeration for reinspection and: (a) if improved—passed for human consumption; or (b) if insufficient improvement—unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food
47	Lymphadenitis	Systemic involvement		Any of the following: (a) Salmonellosis; (b) Meliodosis; (c) Necrobacillosis; (d) Bacteraemia	Condemned
48	Mange	Inflammation of the skin		Mange mites	Skin carcase Skin—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
49	Mastitis	Localised		Bacterial infection	Trim affected areas.

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					Trimmings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
50	Mastitis	Extensive		Bacterial infection	Condemned
51	Myositis	Localised	No systemic involvement	Metabolic disease	Trim affected areas. Trimmings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
52	Myositis	Extensive	No systemic involvement	Either of the following: (a) metabolic disease; (b) exertional Rhabdomyolysis	Condemned
53	Myositis	Localised	Regional involvement	Trauma	Trim affected areas. Trimmings and associated lymph nodes—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
54	Nasal and eye discharge	Extensive		Any of the following: (a) Pasteurellosis; (b) Myxomatosis; (c) Rabbit pox	Condemned
55	Neoplasm	Localised	No systemic involvement	Various	Trim affected areas. Trimmings and associated lymph nodes—condemned.

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					Remainder—passed for human consumption
56	Neoplasm	Extensive	Systemic involvement	Various	Condemned
57	Oedema	Slight	No systemic involvement	Either of the following: (a) gastrointestinal parasitism; (b) Bacteraemia	Trim affected areas. Trimmings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
58	Oedema	Both of the following: (a) extensive; (b) no systemic involvement	Loss of condition	Any of the following: (a) metabolic disease; (b) congenital; (c) unknown	Unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food or pharmaceutical material
59	Pigmentation	No systemic involvement		Any of the following: (a) metabolic disease; (b) congenital; (c) unknown	Hold under refrigeration for reinspection and: (a) if colour dissipates—passed for human consumption; or (b) if no change—unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food
60	Pitting of kidneys	No systemic involvement		Nosematosis	Kidneys—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
61	Pleural or peritoneal adhesions	No systemic involvement		Either of the following: (a) past infection;	Trim affected serosal surface. Trimmings—condemned.

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				(b) old trauma	Remainder—passed for human consumption
62	Pleural or peritoneal adhesions	Systemic involvement		Any of the following: (a) Salmonellosis; (b) <i>E. coli</i> ; (c) Bacteraemia; (d) Pneumonia	Condemned
63	Pneumonia	Systemic involvement		Any of the following: (a) Pasteurellosis; (b) Salmonellosis; (c) Bacteraemia	Condemned
64	Pox	Discharge from eyes or nostrils, skin rash		Rabbit Pox	Condemned
65	Ringworm	No systemic involvement		Mycotic infection	Carcase skin—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
66	Ulcer	Localised		Ulcerative Pododermatitis	Trim affected areas. Trimmings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
67	Ulcer	Systemic change		Ulcerative Pododermatitis	Condemned
68	Wounds	No systemic involvement		Any of the following: (a) fight wounds;	Trim affected areas. Trimmings—condemned.

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				(b) dog bites; (c) trauma	Remainder—passed for human consumption
69	Wounds	Systemic involvement		Any of the following: (a) fight wounds; (b) dog bites; (c) trauma	Trim affected areas. Trimmings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption

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**2 Post-mortem dispositions and related actions for ratite carcasses or carcase parts—disease or abnormality**

The following table has effect for the purposes of section 9-26.

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Column 1 Primary observation</b>	<b>Column 2 Secondary observation</b>	<b>Column 3 Tertiary observation</b>	<b>Column 4 Disease or abnormality</b>	<b>Column 5 Disposition or related action</b>
1	Abscess	Soft pus	Only local involvement	Infection	Trim affected areas without spillage. Trimmings and associated lymph nodes—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
2	Abscess	Soft pus (more often necrotic, granulomatous or haemorrhagic oedematous areas)	Systemic involvement	Infection	Condemned
3	Abscesses, multiple	Soft pus (more often necrotic, granulomatous or haemorrhagic oedematous areas)	Systemic reaction	Infection	Condemned
4	Abnormal odour	Mild	No systemic change	Either of the following: (a) metabolic; (b) plant	Hold under refrigeration for reinspection and: (a) if odour dissipates—passed for

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					human consumption; or (b) if odour remains—unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food
5	Abnormal odour	Mild	No systemic change	Chemical	If possibly harmful when consumed—condemned. Otherwise, hold under refrigeration for reinspection and, if identified chemical is acceptable under the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code: (a) if odour dissipates: passed for human consumption; or (b) if odour remains: unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food
6	Abnormal odour	Strong	No systemic change	Any of the following: (a) metabolic; (b) plant; (c) chemical	If possibly harmful when consumed—condemned. Otherwise, hold under refrigeration for reinspection and: (a) if odour dissipates: passed for human consumption; or (b) if odour remains: unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food

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7	Air Sacculitis	Localised (involving one air sac)		Infection	Affected tissue—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
8	Air Sacculitis	Generalised (involving more than one air sac or entire air sac system)	Systemic	Infection	Condemned
9	Anaemia	Slight change	No systemic involvement	Any of the following: (a) metabolic disease; (b) infection; (c) malnutrition	Passed for human consumption
10	Anaemia	Pronounced change	Systemic involvement	Any of the following: (a) metabolic disease; (b) infection; (c) malnutrition	Unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food or pharmaceutical material
11	Arthritis	Single joint	No systemic involvement	Either of the following: (a) trauma; (b) infection	Limb—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
12	Arthritis	Multiple joints	No systemic involvement	Either of the following: (a) infection; (b) other causes	Limb—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
13	Arthritis	Multiple joints	Systemic involvement	Either of the following: (a) infection; (b) other causes	Condemned

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14	Aspergillosis	Localised (involving one air sac)		Infection	Affected tissues—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
15	Aspergillosis	Generalised (involving more than one air sac or entire air sac system)	Systemic involvement	Infection	Condemned
16	Bruising	Surface only		Trauma	Trim lesion and the immediately surrounding tissue. Trimmings—unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food or pharmaceutical material. Remainder—passed for human consumption
17	Bruising	Deep	Extensive	Trauma	Trim lesion and the immediately surrounding tissue. Trimmings—unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food or pharmaceutical material. Remainder—passed for human consumption
18	Developmental abnormalities	No systemic involvement		Either of the following: (a) old trauma;	Trim lesion and the immediately surrounding tissue. Trimmings—condemned.

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				(b) congenital deformity	Remainder—passed for human consumption
19	Ecchymosis	No systemic involvement		Improper stunning	Trim lesion and the immediately surrounding tissue. Trimblings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption. Check stunning procedure
20	Egg peritonitis	Systemic involvement		Either of the following: (a) infection; (b) reproductive failure	Condemned
21	Emaciation	Systemic involvement		Nutritional stress	Unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food or pharmaceutical material
22	Emaciation	Systemic changes		Bacteraemia	Condemned
23	Enteritis	No systemic involvement		Infection	Gastrointestinal tract—condemned
24	Enteritis	Systemic involvement		Infection	Condemned
25	Fever	Systemic involvement		Infection	Condemned
26	Gout	Localised (synovial)		Metabolic disease	Affected areas—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
27	Gout	Generalised (visceral)		Metabolic disease	Condemned.

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28	Granuloma	No systemic involvement		Any of the following: (a) avian tuberculosis; (b) infection; (c) trauma	Affected areas—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
29	Granuloma	Systemic involvement		Any of the following: (a) avian tuberculosis; (b) infection; (c) trauma	Condemned
30	Green Urate			Either of the following: (a) bruising; (b) liver disease	If evidence of liver pathology—condemned. If no liver involvement, trim lesion and the immediately surrounding tissue. Trimmings—unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food or pharmaceutical material. Remainder—passed for human consumption
31	Incomplete bleeding	No systemic involvement		Either of the following: (a) poor technique; (b) emergency slaughter	Unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food or pharmaceutical material. Check bleeding procedure
32	Myopathy	Localised	No systemic	Any of the following:	Trim affected areas.

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			involvement	(a) infection; (b) trauma; (c) dietary	Trimmings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
33	Myopathy	Extensive	No systemic involvement	Any of the following: (a) infection; (b) trauma; (c) dietary	Condemned
34	Myopathy	Systemic involvement		Any of the following: (a) infection; (b) trauma; (c) dietary	Condemned
35	Neoplasm	Localised	No systemic involvement	Tumour	Trim affected areas. Trimmings and associated lymph nodes—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
36	Neoplasm	Extensive	Systemic involvement	Tumour	Condemned
37	Oedema	Slight	No systemic change	Any of the following: (a) trauma; (b) infection; (c) heart failure	Trim affected areas. Trimmings—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
38	Oedema	Both of the following:	Loss of condition	Any of the following:	Unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food

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		(a) extensive; (b) no systemic involvement		(a) trauma; (b) infection; (c) heart failure	or pharmaceutical material
39	Oedema	Both of the following: (a) extensive; (b) systemic involvement	Loss of condition	Any of the following: (a) trauma; (b) infection; (c) heart failure	Condemned
40	Pigmentation, abnormal	No systemic involvement		Any of the following: (a) metabolic disease; (b) congenital; (c) unknown	Hold under refrigeration for reinspection and: (a) if colour dissipates—passed for human consumption; or (b) if colour remains—unfit for human consumption and may be recovered for animal food
41	Septicaemia	Systemic involvement		Infection	Condemned
42	White spotted liver	Localised		Either of the following: (a) infection; (b) for emus—parasites	Liver—condemned. Remainder—passed for human consumption
43	White spotted liver	Systemic		Infection	Condemned

Note: Ratites have significant normal pigmentation of the peritoneal lining, gonads and fascia covering limbs and body parts.

## Endnotes

Endnote 1—About the endnotes

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### Endnote 1—About the endnotes

The endnotes provide information about this compilation and the compiled law.

The following endnotes are included in every compilation:

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### Abbreviation key—Endnote 2

The abbreviation key sets out abbreviations that may be used in the endnotes.

### Legislation history and amendment history—Endnotes 3 and 4

Amending laws are annotated in the legislation history and amendment history.

The legislation history in endnote 3 provides information about each law that has amended (or will amend) the compiled law. The information includes commencement details for amending laws and details of any application, saving or transitional provisions that are not included in this compilation.

The amendment history in endnote 4 provides information about amendments at the provision (generally section or equivalent) level. It also includes information about any provision of the compiled law that has been repealed in accordance with a provision of the law.

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If a misdescribed amendment cannot be given effect as intended, the amendment is not incorporated and “(md not incorp)” is added to the amendment history.

**Endnote 2—Abbreviation key**

ad = added or inserted	orig = original
am = amended	p = page(s)
amdt = amendment	para = paragraph(s)/subparagraph(s) /sub-subparagraph(s)
C[x] = Compilation No. x	pres = present
ch = Chapter(s)	prev = previous
cl = clause(s)	(prev...) = previously
cont. = continued	pt = Part(s)
def = definition(s)	r = regulation(s)/Court rule(s)
Dict = Dictionary	reloc = relocated
disallowed = disallowed by Parliament	renum = renumbered
div = Division(s)	rep = repealed
ed = editorial change	rs = repealed and substituted
exp = expires/expired or ceases/ceased to have effect	s = section(s)/subsection(s) /rule(s)/subrule(s)/order(s)/suborder(s)
gaz = gazette	sch = Schedule(s)
LA = <i>Legislation Act 2003</i>	SLI = Select Legislative Instrument
LIA = <i>Legislative Instruments Act 2003</i>	SR = Statutory Rules
(md) = misdescribed amendment can be given effect	sub ch = Sub-Chapter(s)
(md not incorp) = misdescribed amendment cannot be given effect	sub div = Subdivision(s)
mod = modified/modification	sub pt = Subpart(s)
No. = Number(s)	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be commenced
Ord = Ordinance	

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Commencement</b>	<b>Application, saving and transitional provisions</b>
Export Control (Rabbit and Ratite Meat and Rabbit and Ratite Meat Products) Rules 2021	24 Mar 2021 (F2021L00308)	3 am (A.C.T.) 28 Mar 2021 (s 1-2(1) item 1)	
Export Control Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Rules 2021	7 Dec 2021 (F2021L01730)	sch 7: 1 Jan 2022 (s 2(1) item 7)	—
Export Control Legislation Amendment (Australian Meat Standard) Rules 2023	16 June 2023 (F2023L00795)	sch 1 (items 2, 3): 1 July 2023 (s 2(1) item 1)	—
Export Control Legislation Amendment (2023 Measures No. 1) Rules 2023	3 Aug 2023 (F2023L01060)	sch 2 (items 11-13): 4 Aug 2023 (s 2(1) item 1)	—
Export Control Legislation Amendment (2024 Measures No. 2) Rules 2024	24 Oct 2024 (F2024L01350)	sch 1 (items 21-32): 1 Nov 2024 (s 2(1) item 1)	—
Export Control Legislation Amendment (2025 Measures No. 2) Rules 2025	9 Dec 2025 (F2025L01527)	sch 1 (items 11, 22, 23, 39, 40): 10 Dec 2025 (s 2(1) item 1)	—

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**Endnote 4—Amendment history**

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<b>Chapter 1</b>	
<b>Part 1</b>	
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<b>Part 2</b>	
<b>Division 1</b>	
s 1-5 .....	am F2023L00795; F2024L01350
<b>Division 2</b>	
s 1-8 .....	am F2023L00795
<b>Chapter 4</b>	
<b>Part 2</b>	
s 4-17 .....	am F2024L01350
<b>Part 6</b>	
<b>Division 1</b>	
s 4-25 .....	rs F2024L01350
s 4-30 .....	am F2025L01527
s 4-35 .....	am F2025L01527
<b>Division 2</b>	
s 4-32 .....	am F2024L01350
s 4-35 .....	am F2024L01350
<b>Chapter 5</b>	
<b>Part 1</b>	
s 5-2 .....	am F2021L01730
<b>Part 2</b>	
<b>Division 4</b>	
s 5-17 .....	rs F2021L01730
<b>Division 8</b>	
s 5-38 .....	am F2021L01730
<b>Division 9</b>	
s 5-40 .....	am F2024L01350
<b>Division 10</b>	
s 5-42 .....	am F2021L01730
<b>Chapter 7</b>	
<b>Part 3</b>	
s 7-8 .....	ad F2021L01730
<b>Chapter 8</b>	
<b>Part 3</b>	
<b>Division 1</b>	
s 8-10 .....	am F2023L01060

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<b>Provision affected</b>	<b>How affected</b>
s 8-15 .....	am F2023L01060
<b>Chapter 9</b>	
<b>Part 1</b>	
<b>Division 2</b>	
s 9-5 .....	am F2025L01527
<b>Chapter 11</b>	
<b>Part 2</b>	
s 11-6 .....	am F2021L01730
<b>Chapter 12</b>	
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<b>Part 1</b>	
s 12-1 .....	am F2024L01350
<b>Part 4</b>	
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s 12-8 .....	ad F2024L01350
<b>Part 5</b>	
Part 5.....	ad F2025L01527
s 12-9 .....	ad F2025L01527

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