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Information sheet: Proposed improvements to the Export Control (Rabbit and Ratite Meat and Rabbit and Ratite Meat Products) Rules 2021

Introduction

Australia's agricultural export legislation came into effect on 28 March 2021. It comprises the *Export Control Act 2020* (the Act) and the Export Control Rules for various commodities (the Rules). These set out the operational requirements that must be met to export specific goods from Australia (e.g. ratite meat).

The Export Control (Rabbit and Ratite Meat and Rabbit and Ratite Meat Products) Rules 2021 (the Rabbit and Ratite Rules) specify how the export of rabbit and ratite meat or meat products are regulated. They set out:

- which rabbit and ratite meat or meat products are regulated
- export conditions that must be complied with.

When the new legislation began in March 2021, the Rabbit and Ratite Rules replaced the previous legislation, including the Export Control (Rabbit and Ratite Meat) Orders 1985.

The proposed amendments to the Rabbit and Ratite Rules are outlined below and should be read with the [Act](#) and the [Rules](#).

Official marks and carton seals

Part 3, Chapter 8 of the Rabbit and Ratite Rules provides for official marks for rabbit and ratite meat or meat products that are intended to be exported from Australia.

Carton Seal official mark

Section 8-15 of the Rabbit and Ratite Rules provides for the design of the 'Carton Seal' official mark, including details to be included on the official mark. Subsection 8-15(1) provides an image of the design of the carton seal, with substitutions to be made provided in subsection 8-15(3).

Paragraph 8-15(3)(a) of the Rabbit and Ratite Rules currently provides that the registration number of the registered establishment where operations to prepare rabbit and ratite meat or meat products for export were carried out, is to be substituted for 'A'.

It is proposed the Rabbit and Ratite Rules be improved to allow for either the:

- 1) registration number of the registered establishment (as above), or
- 2) a resemblance of the 'Australia Inspected' official mark (section 8-10 of the Rabbit and Ratite Rules), to be substituted for 'A' on the carton seal official mark.

This change will allow for the rabbit and ratite meat industry to use the registration number of the registered establishment or a resemblance of the 'Australia Inspected' official mark substituted for 'A' on carton seals.

Further information

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