



November 2022

Information Sheet: Proposed improvements to the Export Control (Wild Game Meat and Wild Game Meat Products) Rules 2021

Introduction

Australia's agricultural export legislation came into effect on 28 March 2021. It includes 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. wild game meat).

The Export Control (Wild Game Meat and Wild Game Meat Products) Rules 2021 (the Wild Game Rules) specify how the export of wild game meat and meat products are regulated. They set out:

- which wild game meat and meat products are regulated
- export conditions that must be complied with.

When the new legislation began in March 2021, the Wild Game Rules replaced the previous legislation, including the Export Control (Wild Game Meat and Wild Game Meat Products) Orders 2010.

The proposed amendments to the Wild Game 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 Wild Game Rules provides for official marks for wild game meat or meat products that are intended to be exported.

Australia Approved official mark

Section 8-10 of the Wild Game Rules provides for the design of the 'Australia Approved' official mark, including the required dimensions for a normal size mark and small size mark.

It is proposed that the Wild Game Rules be improved to include a provision for the dimensions for a large size mark and a computer-generated mark. The table below provides the proposed dimensions of an Australia Approved official mark:

Section	Large size mark (mm)	Computer-generated tag mark (mm)
Width of mark	65	24
Height of mark	45	17
Height of letters	8	2

Height of establishment registration number	10	5
--------------------------------------------------------	----	---

The large size mark would be applied in the same circumstances as a normal size mark and the computer-generated mark applied to a computer-generated label or tag.

This change will allow for greater flexibility of the sizing of official marks.

Carton Seal official mark

Section 8-16 of the Wild Game Rules provides for the design of the 'Carton Seal' official mark, including the details to be included on the official mark. Subsection 8-16(1) provides an image of the design of the carton seal, with substitutions to be made as provided by subsection 8-16(3).

Paragraph 8-16(3)(a) of the Wild Game Rules currently provides that the registration number of the registered establishment where operations to prepare the relevant wild game meat or wild game meat products for export were carried out is to be substituted for 'A'.

It is proposed that the Wild Game Rules be amended 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 Wild Game Rules),

to be substituted for 'A' on the carton seal official mark.

This change is to allow for the wild game meat industry to use either the registration number of the registered establishment or a resemblance of the 'Australia Approved' official mark substituted for 'A' on carton seals.

Further information

Email: exportlegislation@agriculture.gov.au

Website: [Improved agricultural export legislation](#)

© Commonwealth of Australia 2022

Unless otherwise noted, copyright (and any other intellectual property rights) in this publication is owned by the Commonwealth of Australia (referred to as the Commonwealth).

All material in this publication is licensed under a [Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International Licence](#) except content supplied by third parties, logos and the Commonwealth Coat of Arms.

The Australian Government acting through the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has exercised due care and skill in preparing and compiling the information and data in this publication. Notwithstanding, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, its employees and advisers disclaim all liability, including liability for negligence and for any loss, damage, injury, expense or cost incurred by any person as a result of accessing, using or relying on any of the information or data in this publication to the maximum extent permitted by law.