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Export Meat Operational Policy

4.0 European Union Cattle Accreditation Scheme (EUCAS)



Purpose

This document outlines the department's operational policy to manage accreditations under the European Union Cattle Accreditation Scheme (EUCAS). This policy applies to properties intending to supply cattle for meat and meat products under EUCAS.

Legislative basis

Under the *Export Control Act 2020* and the Export Control (Meat and Meat Products) Rules 2021:

- 'Chapter 3 – Accredited properties' prescribes the requirements that must be met for a property to be accredited for EU export meat production operations. For the purposes of EUCAS, a property is a farm, feedlot, or saleyard.
- 'Chapter 9 – Powers and officials' provides the powers for audits of properties to be conducted.

Principles

The department administers EUCAS to meet importing country requirements and Australia's export legislation requirements.

Farms

- Farms must be EUCAS-accredited if they want to supply cattle that can be used to produce meat for export to importing countries that require product to be produced under EUCAS (termed an 'accredited farm').
- A farm is an area or land covered by a single Property Identification Code (PIC) under state or territory legislation
 - PICs are issued by the relevant state or territory government.
- EUCAS-accredited farms must meet requirements set out in the department's European Union Cattle Accreditation Scheme (EUCAS) Rules for farms.

Feedlots

- Feedlots must be EUCAS-accredited if they want to supply cattle that can be used to produce meat for export to importing countries that require product to be produced under EUCAS ('accredited feedlots').
- Feedlots may contain EUCAS and non-EUCAS cattle, however they must be segregated.
- EUCAS-accredited feedlots must meet requirements set out in the department's [European Union Cattle Accreditation Scheme Information for feedlots](#).
- Feedlots must have an approved and current management plan.

Saleyards

- Saleyards must be EUCAS-accredited if they want to supply cattle that can be used to produce meat for export to importing countries that require product to be produced under EUCAS ('accredited saleyards').
- Saleyards may trade EUCAS and non-EUCAS cattle, however they must be segregated.
- EUCAS-accredited saleyards must meet requirement set out in the department's [European Union Cattle Accreditation Scheme Information for saleyards](#).
- Saleyards must have an approved and current management plan.

Audits

- All EUCAS-accredited saleyards and feedlots are audited annually.
- Targeted and random physical audits are conducted on EUCAS-accredited farms annually.
- The department conducts random PIC reconciliation desk audits annually.

Related material

The following related material is available on the department's EUCAS: Farms webpage:

- PDF: [European Union Cattle Accreditation Scheme \(EUCAS\) Rules for farms](#)
- PDF: [Application for EUCAS accreditation of farms](#)
- PDF: [Application to renew EUCAS accreditation of farms](#)
- PDF: [Application for non-EUCAS breeding animals to enter a EUCAS-accredited property](#)
- PDF: [Application for approval to transfer approved non EU breeders between EU accredited properties](#)
- PDF: [Agistment – Protocol for agistment of EU eligible cattle](#)
- PDF: [Agistment – Walking European Union Cattle Accreditation Scheme \(EUCAS\) cattle on travelling stock routes](#)
- PDF: [Application for agistment of EUCAS cattle on a non-EUCAS property in emergency circumstances](#)
- PDF: [Application to reinstate EUCAS status of animals returning from temporary arrangements](#)
- PDF: [Application for approval to make an alteration to a EUCAS accredited property](#)
- PDF: [Authority to sign declarations and EUCAS documents](#)
- PDF: [Notification of withdrawal of a property from EUCAS accreditation](#)
- PDF: [Statutory declaration](#)
- PDF: [Notification of update of current EUCAS manager contact details](#)

The following related material is available on the department's EUCAS: Feedlots webpage:

- PDF: [European Union Cattle Accreditation Scheme Information for Feedlots](#)
- PDF: [Application for EUCAS accreditation of feedlots](#)
- PDF: [Notification of withdrawal of a property from EUCAS accreditation](#)
- PDF: [Notification of update of current EUCAS manager contact details](#)
- PDF: [Statutory declaration](#)

The following related material is available on the department's EUCAS: Saleyards webpage:

- PDF: [European Union Cattle Accreditation Scheme Information for Saleyards](#)
- PDF: [Application for EUCAS accreditation of saleyards](#)
- PDF: [Notification of withdrawal of a property from EUCAS accreditation](#)
- PDF: [Notification of update of current EUCAS manager contact details](#)

The following related material is available on the internet:

- Webpage: [Export Control Act 2020](#)
- Webpage: [Export Control \(Meat and Meat Products\) Rules 2021](#)

Attachment 1: Definitions

Accredited farm

- A cattle farm which has been accredited for EUCAS under the *Export Control Act 2020* and relevant subordinate legislation.
- A farm is an area or land covered by a single Property Identification Code (PIC) under State or Territory legislation.

Accredited feedlot

A feedlot that has been accredited for EUCAS under the *Export Control Act 2020* and relevant subordinate legislation and that maintains segregation of EUCAS cattle from non-EUCAS cattle.

Accredited saleyard

A saleyard that has been accredited to sell EUCAS cattle under the *Export Control Act 2020* and relevant subordinate legislation and that maintains segregation of EUCAS cattle from non-EUCAS cattle.

Property identification codes (PICs)

A unique eight-character identification code that is given to a parcel of land by the relevant state or territory regulatory authority.