



The department is making a number of significant changes to the way that we regulate and audit low-risk dairy, eggs and fish export establishments, moving to a data driven and risk-based regulatory model. This includes storage facilities, fishing vessels, and live fish establishments (excluding establishments who export bivalve molluscs). The trial of the low-risk framework has commenced, utilising Artificial Intelligence as an assessment and verification tool, and will provide a reduction in audit and regulatory burden. Those taking part in the trial are required to submit documentation to the department via a single online digital portal, which will utilise artificial intelligence to assist in analysis of establishment compliance.

The establishments subject to the new alternative audit approach are required to submit documentation and be engaged in sector level verification activities. The following data will be required by the department:



Establishment questionnaire



Declaration of conformity



Photo and video for Artificial Intelligence (AI) verification



Other approved arrangement documents or records as requested



Sector level verification/assurance

As a part of completing the new annual requirements, establishments will be required to declare that they:

- Understand their requirements
- Have documented evidence of staff training and competency
- Have completed verification activities including internal audits as scheduled
- Have actioned all non-compliances identified in the last 12 months
- Have no critical non-compliances identified in the last 12 months – or have appropriately addressed any critical non-compliances identified
- Understand obligations to notify the department of any variations to approved arrangements and registrations
- Understand the departments right to undertake any additional compliance and verification activities
- Have provided true and correct information to the

Employees in an establishments management and control will have access to the portal and are responsible for final submission of files and declarations. The department may reach out to establishments for further information or action following submissions of files and declarations.

For more information visit the [‘Low-risk audit trials’ webpage](#). Communication will be ongoing but if you have questions in the meantime, please contact dairyeggfish@aff.gov.au



Examples of a quality image for AI verification



AI verification inputs

You will be required to upload video and photos of your establishment of the below elements:

- General cleanliness
- Image of whole vessels to allow identification of vessel
- Product packaged in containers with carton dates and transfer documentation
- Chemical storage area showing label on packaging

Files uploaded for AI verification must:

- Be uploaded in the correct file type
 - Photos (e.g. png, jpeg)
 - Videos (e.g. mp4)
- Clear image or video
 - Not pixelated or blurry
 - Object of image or video not obstructed
 - Space well lit
- Clearly show required element

Vessels questionnaire content

1	Please confirm details of primary and secondary contacts at your establishment	Complete table provided, noting name, email and phone for primary and secondary contacts
2	Please confirm your vessel name and home port.	Write vessel name and port
3	Please confirm your company's business address .	Write companies business dress
4	Please confirm your company's Australian Business Number(s) (ABN) and Australian Company Number (ACN).	Write ABN and ACN
5	Are there any other products prepared aboard this vessel other than those that are approved for export?	Select yes or no box, if yes provide additional details
6	Do you prepare fish species that are subject to histamine development?	Select yes or no box, if yes provide list of species and controls in place
7	If applicable, do you treat your prawns with any additives to prevent melanosis (black spot)?	Select yes, no or N/A box, if yes provide details of additive used If treatment is applied, Select additional yes or no box to confirm if tested levels of additives is verified to within regulatory limits
8	Who is your main source(s) of information of safety suitability, and access of fishing grounds? (For example, this could include oil spills, algal blooms, bacterial outbreaks, or ciguatera guidance)	List all applicable sources of information
9	Do you export the product from your vessel, or is it on sold to an exporter?	Select Export own product, on sold to an exporter or both box
10	How many crew are onboard the vessel during operations?	Provide number of staff on vessel
11	Have there been any changes to key management personnel, other than crew, in the last 12 months?	Select yes or no box, if yes, Select additional yes or no box to confirm if the department has been notified of changes
12	What is the maximum quantity of product that can be held on your vessel at any one time?	List number of maximum quantity of product
13	What percentage (approximately by last financial year) of the product prepared by your vessel has been exported (if known)?	List percentage of product exported and any additional information (additional information is optional)
14	Has a product from your vessel been subject to any product recalls or withdrawals in the last 12 months?	Select yes or no box, if yes provide additional details
15	Has any product from your vessel been subject to any notification by overseas authorities, including detained consignments and errors on certification (if known)	If known, provide details of product subject to any notification by overseas authorities
16	Is this vessel audited under any third-party food safety certification schemes? (For example, SGS or SAI Global, HACCP)	Select yes or no box, if yes provide additional details