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China: Audit of Australian hides & skins export industry

Attention	Industries	Industry bodies – AHSLEA, AMIC, CCA, MLA, AUS MEAT, KIAA, , AOA, EIFA Export Establishments Licensed exporters and agents	
	Department of Agriculture and Water Resources	Central and Regional Offices ATMs and FOMs OPVs and Meat Inspection staff ASG staff ESB staff	
Other		State Regulatory Authorities	
Affected Markets		China	
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The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (the department) has been advised that the Chinese General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) intend to undertake an audit of the Australian hides and skins export industry in 2016. The date for this audit is still to be confirmed, however the department anticipates it may occur midway through this year.

In preparation for this audit, the department is compiling a list of all **processing establishments** that are currently, or intend to, process hides and/or skins for export to the China. The department has distributed initial correspondence through the Australian Hide, Skin and Leather Exporters Association (AHSLEA) however it also seeks that any relevant **processing establishments** that are not members of AHSLEA, contact the department at NPGExports@agriculture.gov.au by COB Friday 19 February 2016 with the following information:

- Establishment name and address (and department establishment number, if applicable)
- Company contact, including email and phone
- Species processed and treatments undertaken.

Please use Attachment 1 as a guide.

At this stage, the exact scope and timing of the audit have not been finalised. Information will be provided to AHSLEA and establishments that have registered their interest as it becomes available.

The information provided above is current at the time of writing and is intended for use as guidance only and should not be taken as definitive or exhaustive. The Commonwealth endeavours to keep information current and accurate, however, it may be subject to change without notice. Exporters are encouraged to verify these details with their importers prior to undertaking production/exports. The Commonwealth will not accept liability for any loss resulting from reliance on information contained in this notice.

Register of Interest – Skins and Hides Processing Establishments

General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine
(AQSIQ) Audit and Review - 2016

Establishment's Name	
<i>Please tick the correct box below:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>This establishment is currently processing skins/hides destined for China</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>In the future, this establishment wishes to process skins/hides destined for China</i>
Establishment's Physical Address/Location	
Relevant Email Address	
Animal species processed for export	
Type of processing undertaken at Establishment (i.e. drum salting, wet salting, brine curing, etc)	
Name of Contact Person 1	
Phone Number of Contact Person 1	
Name of Contact Person 2	
Phone Number of Contact Person 2	

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