



Commonwealth Fact Sheet



EXPORT CONTROL ACT 1982

If your project involves exporting live animals or plants, animal or plant products, or food, you must comply with this Act.

1. What approvals do I need?

Permits and export certificates are required for the export of most goods including:

- Live animals, including companion animals
- Reproductive material
- Egg and egg products
- Fish and fish products
- Dairy products
- Meat and meat products
- Organic and biodynamic produce
- Plants and plant products.

Premises where most goods are prepared for export must be registered or accredited, including:

- Abattoirs
- EU cattle accredited and horticulture accredited properties
- Pre-export quarantine, treatment and testing of live plants and livestock
- Treatment, processing, packing or storage facilities
- Fishing vessels where product is prepared for export.

Exporters of beef, sheep and goat meat, and livestock are required to be licensed.

More information on the goods controlled by the Department of Agriculture is available [here](#).

2. Who provides approvals?

The Department of Agriculture regulates the export of goods under the *Export Control Act 1982*.

3. How do I get Australian Government approval?

Guidelines and application forms are available on the Department of Agriculture website, including:

- registration of an establishment [here](#)
- registration of an establishment for livestock exports [here](#)
- meat export licence [here](#)
- livestock export licence [here](#)
- permits and export certificates for non-livestock commodities [here](#).

4. More information

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More information on exporting from Australia is available on the Department of Agriculture [website](#).

Major Projects Facilitation Agency

If you would like assistance to identify the regulatory obligations for your project, please visit our [Online Tool](#) or contact us:

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