



IT IS THE LAW. YOU MUST TAG ALL LIVESTOCK AND FILL IN YOUR LPA NVD CORRECTLY AND COMPLETELY.

DID YOU KNOW A PRODUCER WAS FINED \$6,000 OVER A FAILED NVD?

A sheep producer was fined \$6,000 in the Bendigo Magistrates Court in December 2013 after pleading guilty to offences under the Livestock Disease Control Act. The offences related to breaches of the NLIS Sheep & Goats.

The accused failed to provide a correctly completed NVD before or at the time of arrival at a saleyard of the consignment of non-vendor bred sheep, which is a requirement of a Mob Based Movement Order.

The accused had also failed to record on the NVD the Property Identification Codes (PIC) printed on all ear tags attached by the previous owners in the consignment or alternatively, he did not attach pink post-breeder tags stamped with the PIC of dispatch matching the pre-printed PIC on the NVD.

All livestock must be NLIS identified properly prior to any movement off your property. You must fill in the LPA NVD correctly and completely, answering all questions fully.

Russian Eligible: is written on the LPA NVD when the livestock have never had or have not been injected with or ingested feed products containing oxytetracycline and chlortetracycline in the last 90 days.

Saudi Eligible: is written on the LPA NVD for stock that have not been fed any products containing animal fats in their lives. **If in doubt about Russian Eligible or Saudi Eligible, please ask your agent.**

CATTLE NVDs

Q1 Cattle LPA NVD: *Have any of the cattle in this consignment ever in their lives been treated with a HGP?*

If some cattle are treated with HGPs it is **YES** and some are not treated with HGPs the answer is **NO**.

In this case, complete one NVD for HGP treated livestock and one NVD for the non HGP treated livestock.

Separate NVDs must be used. **OR** tick **YES** and they will all be handled and sold as **HGP treated** on that one NVD.

Q3 Cattle LPA NVD: *Has the owner stated above owned these cattle since their birth?*

If some cattle are vendor bred it is **YES** and some are purchased the answer is **NO**. In this case you should put your vendor bred livestock on one NVD, the purchased livestock on another NVD. Separate NVDs must be used.

OR you can tick **NO** on one NVD and they will all be handled and sold as **not vendor bred** on that one NVD.

SHEEP NVDs

Q3 Sheep LPA NVD: *Has the owner stated above owned these sheep or lambs since their birth?*

If some sheep are vendor bred it is **YES**, if some are purchased the answer is **NO**. In this case you should put your vendor bred livestock on one NVD, the purchased livestock on another NVD. Separate NVDs must be used.

OR you can tick **NO** on one NVD and they will all be handled and sold as **not vendor bred** on that one NVD.

If any of the sheep/lambs in your consignment are **not vendor bred YOU MUST** list all the PIC numbers on the NVD that are on the tags in the consignment, **OR** attach a pink post breeder tag matching the pre-printed PIC on the NVD. If you use pink post breeder tags, you do not need to list the other PIC numbers on the NVD, simply write "pink tags" in Question 7.

The LPA National Vendor Declaration (LPA NVD) is the main document behind Australia's meat and livestock food safety reputation. As a livestock producer, you must guarantee the animals you sell are not exposed to food safety hazards and that you meet all traceability requirements, should a food safety issue occur.

LPA is industry's on-farm food safety program. LPA meets the stringent requirements of domestic and export markets, providing assurance of the safety of your Australian beef, lamb, sheep and goat meat.

When an LPA NVD is signed, as a producer you are sharing information on your livestock's history and declaring compliance with all LPA requirements including traceability. Buyers demand this, as do their overseas customers.

State departments will be doing audits of abattoirs, export depots, feedlots and saleyards, checking NVDs and traceability. Costs to rectify the NVDs, fines and/or prosecutions could follow for incorrect NVD paperwork and non-tagging of livestock.

Australian Livestock & Property Agents Association Members encourage producers to check all stock are properly tagged and to fill in the NVD correctly and completely. By doing this you will ensure you obtain maximum competition for your livestock and avoid possible departmental prosecution and penalties. Please remember to only ever send animals that are "Fit To Load" and "Fit For The Journey".