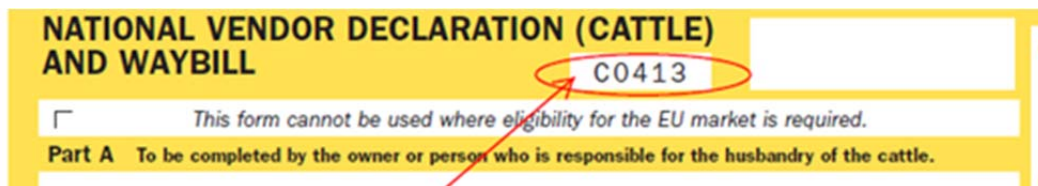


## LPA NVD Latest News: Important Announcement

All producers accredited under the Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) program, have been written to, to inform them of changes that are being made to the LPA National Vendor Declarations (NVD) program. **Effective 16 November 2015**, the LPA Advisory Committee is withdrawing recognition of all earlier versions of the LPA NVDs except the most current versions. The current versions that will remain valid are: the April 2013 (0413) version for Cattle, EU Cattle, Sheep and Lambs, and Goats. The April 2012 (0412) version for Bobby Calves. **Most producers are using these now and have since December 2014.**



**If they have this 0413 version Cattle, sheep & goat, they need do no more.**

In short, if they are in LPA, they will be no longer allowed to use any other LPA NVD version other than 0413 from **16 Nov**.

The phase-out of all but the most current versions of the LPA NVDs is being led by SAFEMEAT, a partnership between the red meat and livestock industry and the state and federal governments of Australia. The decision has the backing of all industry stakeholders and government.

### Why the change?

LPA NVDs are periodically reviewed and revised in order to manage food safety and market access issues. Questions on the current version of the LPA NVD were updated to streamline the information that is required to assess market eligibility.

This means that when producers use the current version of the LPA NVD, they no longer need to write the words **'Saudi eligible' or 'Russian eligible'**; simply answer all the questions accurately.

The phase-out will streamline the LPA NVD system, and ensure all LPA NVDs accurately reflect current market requirements. Withdrawing recognition of all previous versions ensures all requirements of our international trading partners have been addressed.

Only the most current 0413 LPA NVD versions meet all of Australia's international market requirements.

LPA NVDs can be ordered online, through the LPA - [www.lpa.ausmeat.com.au](http://www.lpa.ausmeat.com.au) Electronic versions of LPA NVDs are also available using the online eDEC system. When using eDEC you will always be using the current version of the LPA NVD and you can save up to 48% of the price of an LPA NVD book. You can purchase and complete your eDEC through the LPA Management Console - [www.lpa.ausmeat.com.au](http://www.lpa.ausmeat.com.au)