



Integrity Systems

red meat customer assurance

Integrity system — for goat producers

A system of food safety measures, quality assurance and traceability from paddock to plate guarantees the integrity of Australia's \$18.4 billion red meat industry — including \$182.6 million in goatmeat exports — to our customers. This integrity system protects the disease-free status of Australian red meat and underpins the marketing of our product as clean, safe and natural.

Adhering to the requirements of the integrity system means producers can stand by what they sell.

The integrity system is made up of three elements:

1 Livestock Production Assurance



The Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) program is the Australian red meat industry's on-farm assurance program underpinned by seven key elements covering food safety, animal welfare and biosecurity. It provides evidence of livestock history and on-farm practices when transferring livestock through the value chain. Visit www.integritysystems.com.au/lpa

2 National Vendor Declaration



The LPA National Vendor Declaration (LPA NVD) certifies Australia's reputation as a reliable supplier of safe red meat to domestic and international markets. It asks a series of questions about the livestock's history, and contains a declaration from the livestock owner that all information provided is correct. The current LPA NVD is required for all livestock movements, including property to property, through saleyards, to processors and to feedlots. It is available electronically (the eNVD) free of charge or in hard copy. Visit www.integritysystems.com.au/nvd

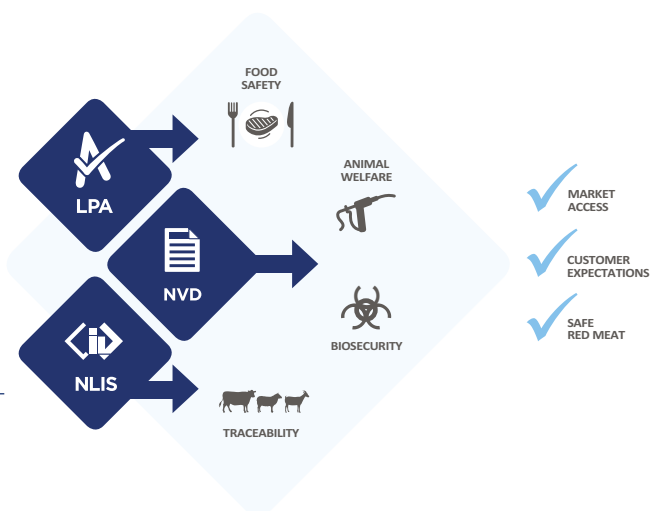
3 National Livestock Identification System



The National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) is Australia's system for the identification and traceability of cattle, sheep and goats. The NLIS combines three elements to enable the lifetime traceability of animals: a visual or electronic ear tag, a Property Identification Code (PIC) for identification of physical location, and online database to store and correlate the data. Visit www.integritysystems.com.au/nlis



National Vendor Declarations are now available electronically (the eNVD)



Australia's red meat integrity system



Meeting NLIS requirements

The NLIS is Australia's system for the identification and traceability of cattle, sheep and goats. The NLIS reflects Australia's commitment to biosecurity and food safety, and provides a competitive advantage in a global market.

The NLIS combines three elements to enable the lifetime traceability of animals:

- An animal identifier (a visual or electronic ear tag, known as a device)
- Identification of a physical location by means of a PIC
- A web-accessible database to store and correlate movement data and associated details

As goats move along the supply chain, each movement is recorded centrally so that animals can be traced as required by National Traceability Performance Standards. A valid Property Identification Code (PIC) is needed to buy, sell or move goats and to complete National Vendor Declaration forms. PICs are allocated to properties on which livestock graze and are issued by the state agriculture departments.

Victorian producers must record movements of individual animals whenever they receive goats fitted with electronic identification (eID) tags from another property. Producers are required to record these movements in the NLIS database. All kids born since 1 January 2017 must be fitted with individual eID tags before they leave their property of birth.

Meeting LPA requirements

The seven requirements of the LPA program cover property risk assessment; safe and responsible animal treatments; stock foods, fodder crops, grain and pasture treatments; preparation for dispatch of livestock; livestock transactions and movements; biosecurity; and animal welfare.

Biosecurity relates to measures taken to reduce risk of infectious diseases, invasive pests or weeds. Under LPA, producers must have a Farm Biosecurity Plan. Visit www.integritysystems.com.au/on-farm-assurance/Biosecurity to download a template (see Tools & Resources). There are nine priority diseases for goats. Internal parasites has the highest estimated economic impact on goats in Australia, with an estimated annual cost of \$2.54 million¹.

Producers must be able to demonstrate that on-farm systems have been implemented to ensure handling of livestock is consistent with the requirements of the *Australian Industry*

¹ Priority list of endemic diseases for the red meat industries, GHD Pty Ltd (2015)

Fast facts: Australia's goat industry

1.54

million head of goats processed (2019)

98%

goatmeat product exported (2019)

22,381 tonnes

goatmeat production (2019)

790c/kg cwt

average over-the-hook price (2019)

1 of the biggest

exporters of goatmeat

USA

top export location for Australian goatmeat (2019)

71%

of NSW goatmeat producers surveyed in 2017 had a harvested enterprise, while 29% operated a managed or semi-managed enterprise

54%

of goats are processed in Victoria

(reference: MLA Global Snapshot: Goatmeat, March 2020)

Standards & Guidelines for Goats. Download the guidelines at www.animalwelfarestandards.net.au/goat

Details on how to meet each requirement are available at www.integritysystems.com.au/lpa

LPA accreditation

To access LPA NVDs for their livestock, producers must be LPA accredited. Producers seeking accreditation for the first time are required to work through LPA Learning (online training modules), complete a short assessment and declaration, and pay a fee. All producers need to renew accreditation every three years. They must also complete a short assessment and declaration online, and pay a fee. A hardcopy accreditation pack is also available. All LPA accredited producers may be audited. Annually, 2,000 producers are selected at random and 1,000 selected for targeted audits due to system identified non-conformance. For more information on LPA audits visit, www.integritysystems.com.au/audits

myMLA

myMLA is a customised online dashboard that provides personalised, relevant content to each user. It allows goat producers to have just one user name and password to access key integrity systems — NLIS, LPA, NVDs and LDL. Visit www.mla.com.au/myMLA

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