

EXPLANATORY NOTES – NATIONAL VENDOR DECLARATION (BOBBY CALVES) AND WAYBILL (FOR CALVES BETWEEN 5 & 30 DAYS OLD NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR MOTHER)

The Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) National Vendor Declaration (NVD) underpins Australia's meat and livestock food safety reputation.

When you sign Part A of an LPA NVD, you are sharing information on livestock history and declaring compliance with all LPA requirements (www.mla.com.au/lpa).

As a LPA accredited producer you must provide an LPA NVD for any movement of stock – to processors, to saleyards or between properties - if they have different Property Identification Codes (PICs). You must also request a correctly completed LPA NVD or post sale summary when buying bobby calves.

When transporting livestock, a waybill is required by law in all States except Victoria. Part B of this document satisfies these State requirements, except in the Northern Territory (NT). The NT only accepts the NT waybill as its mandatory movement document.

Your responsibility

All answers must be accurate. Any false, misleading or unverified statements may result in prosecution or civil action. Before signing you must be absolutely satisfied that you understand and have correctly completed all parts of the LPA NVD.

The document is in triplicate.

- **Top (white) sheet:** Purchaser copy.
- **Middle (green) sheet:** Carrier copy.
- **Bottom (pink) sheet:** Vendor copy. MUST be filed for auditing purposes.

*If you rely on the document to verify future claims about purchased stock, then the stock should be identifiable against their accompanying document.

The following notes assist in accurately completing the LPA NVD:

PART A

Part A **must** be completed by the owner of the bobby calves or person responsible for their husbandry.

Address and Property Identification Code (PIC) / place where the journey commenced

Make sure the pre-printed PIC on this LPA NVD is the PIC that the bobby calves are being moved from. If the stock are being moved from a different property (e.g. agistment), you must obtain an LPA NVD from the owner of that property.

If the bobby calves are loaded from a different property for the purpose of access to yards or loading facilities, do not record the PIC of the property on which the bobby calves were loaded.

Description of Bobby Calves

For consignments that require more lines to describe the stock, complete the Attachment to the LPA NVD. The total number of bobby calves being sold must be included on the original LPA NVD.

Consigned to

Include the name and full physical address of the person and/or company the bobby calves are being consigned to.

Destination

If different to the 'consigned to' address, include the full physical address of the destination of the bobby calves.

Details of other statutory documents

Examples include bobby calf health statements, permits, additional description sheets, the Attachment to the LPA NVD Form. All additional documentation must be labelled with the corresponding LPA NVD serial number and attached to each copy of the LPA NVD.

Q1. Audited quality assurance program

Provide details about any QA accreditation or licencing.

Q2. Ownership

If you *DON'T KNOW*, you must tick *NO*

When sending in stock in one lot that are both vendor-bred and non vendor-bred, you must:

- tick *NO* and answer the subsequent question on how long they have been owned for, or
- use separate LPA NVDs for vendor-bred stock and the non vendor-bred stock.

Q3. Stockfeed

If you *DON'T KNOW*, you must tick *YES*

Unacceptable residues in livestock may be present in livestock after consuming conventional stockfeeds, such as pasture, crop, stubble, grain or a prepared stockfeed, previously treated with agricultural chemicals.

If the bobby calves have consumed purchased feeds prior to sale the vendor must answer *YES* unless they hold commodity (CVD) or by-product (BVD) vendor declarations which confirm that all required Withholding Periods (WHPs) have been met. If you are unsure, or there was no WHP on the label, you must answer *YES* and provide details.

Q4. Veterinary drugs and chemicals

If you *DON'T KNOW*, you must tick *YES*

Veterinary drugs include chemicals administered orally, by injection or to the skin such as antibiotics, vaccines, worm and externally applied insecticides but exclude vitamin and mineral treatments.

Export Slaughter Intervals (ESIs) are the period following treatment when bobby calves are unsuitable

for export processing. Withholding Periods (WHPs) are the period following treatment when bobby calves are unsuitable for processing for consumption in Australia.

ESIs and WHPs for commonly used vet chemicals registered for use in bobby calves are available at www.apvma.gov.au/ESI. It is important to check these are current.

Q5. Milk consumption

If you *DON'T KNOW*, you must tick *YES*

Include access to milk from cows treated or exposed to drugs or chemicals that may be present in milk.

Q6. Extended Residue Program (ERP) status

If you *DON'T KNOW*, you must tick *YES*

Answer *YES* to this question the bobby calves have been placed under restrictions, such as quarantine or detention, due to chemical residues that exceeded the maximum residue limit (MRL) for agvet chemicals such as an antibiotic 'KV' Status as notified by the National Residue Survey.

Attach any relevant report or state authority letter of clearance to all copies of the LPA NVD.

Q7. Additional information

List any required attached documents, and attach copies of the documents to the original NVD and all copies of the NVD. Examples include the Attachment to the NVD form, bobby calf health statements, by-product stockfeed list, residue reports and clearances, treatment details.

Only declare Saudi eligible if: (a) they were bred on your property and you know they have never been fed feed containing animal fats (b) you have evidence showing that these bobby calves have never consumed feed containing animal fats.

Acceptable evidence includes an agent's post-sale summary or a signed statement or LPA NVD from the previous owner that declares:

- the animals as 'Saudi eligible', or
- the animals have not consumed feed containing animal fats.

Declaration

Signing this declaration has legal significance. Regulatory authorities may take legal action, and purchasers may seek damages, if any information in Part A is incorrect. You must be absolutely satisfied you understand all elements of the document and these explanatory notes.

Animal Welfare

Bobby calves on this LPA NVD must be cared for in keeping with the Australian Dairy Industry Animal Welfare Standards.

The calves are between the age of 5 and 30 days old and must be: protected from cold and heat; in good health; able to rise up; fed milk or replacers on the farm within 6 hours of transport; delivered within 18 hours of last feed and transported for less than 12 hours.

People consigning calves must have an auditable and accessible record system that identifies the calves were last fed within 6 hours of transport, unless the journey is between rearing properties and is less than 6 hours' duration.

Bobby calves that do not meet these criteria cannot be sold or slaughtered.

<http://www.dairyaustralia.com.au/Animal-management/Animal-welfare/Calf-welfare.aspx>

Restricted Animal Material

This includes any tissue, blood or other material taken from an animal and any meals derived from animals. Examples include meat and bone meals, blood meal, fish meal, and feather meal. It does not include tallow, gelatine or milk products. www.mla.com.au/lpa

PART B

Part B **must** be completed by the carrier (or drover where applicable) in the states that require waybills.

This waybill is valid for one journey only, e.g. from vendor's property to saleyard. A separate waybill must be completed for any subsequent journey, e.g. from saleyard to buyer's property.

When more than one truck is carrying the bobby calves all vehicle registration numbers are to be recorded.

If there is insufficient space to record all the vehicle registration numbers the Attachment to NVD form should be used and attached to all copies of the NVD. Some state regulatory authorities will require a copy of the LPA NVD/ waybill to travel with each individual vehicle. If any information is incorrect regulatory authorities may take legal action.

The Attachment to the NVD form template can be downloaded from www.mla.com.au/lpa