

EXPLANATORY NOTES – NATIONAL VENDOR DECLARATION (GOATS) AND WAYBILL

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 goats.

When transporting livestock, a waybill is required by law in all States except Victoria and South Australia. Part A & 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 goats or the 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 goats 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 goats are loaded from a different property only for the purpose of access to yards or loading facilities, do not record the PIC of the property on which the goats were loaded.

Description of Goats

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

Harvested rangeland goat - a goat that has been captured from a wild state, that has not been born as a result of a managed breeding program, and has not been subjected to any animal husbandry procedure or treatment.

Registered Goat Depot - a property that is used to aggregate harvested rangeland goats prior to sale and/or slaughter. It meets the conditions in the Industry NLIS Standards for Operating a Goat Depot.

National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) devices

Where goats carry NLIS approved breeder or post-breeder devices, the number of animals and device types must be recorded. For more information on NLIS visit <http://www.mla.com.au/nlis>

Consigned to

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

Destination

If different to the 'consigned to' address, include the full physical address of the destination of the goats. Destination PIC is required in WA and Tas.

Details of other statutory documents

Examples include goat 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.

Identification Option

Declare which option has been used for identification within this consignment. You can only tick ONE option:

- Eligible to be moved tag free - Harvested rangeland goats are eligible to be moved tag free if they are being moved from the property on which they were captured to an abattoir for slaughter or directly to a registered goat depot OR
- All PICs on all NLIS tags attached to the goats must be listed in the description table OR
- All goats in the consignment are tagged with the PIC printed on this NVD or your WA brand as in the description table. Homebred animals are recommended to be tagged with the appropriate year of birth colour tag (mandatory to use year of birth colour in WA). Non-vendor bred goats must be tagged with an additional pink transaction tag.

Q1. 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.

Q2. Feedlot or chemical or veterinary treatment

If you DON'T KNOW, you must tick YES

Rangeland goats are those that have never been fed in a feedlot or had any chemical or veterinary treatments.

Q3. 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.

Only use products that are registered for use on goats unless you have written veterinary instructions authorising use.

Export Slaughter Intervals (ESIs) are the period following treatment when goats are unsuitable for export processing. Withholding Periods (WHPs) are the period following treatment when goats are unsuitable for processing for consumption in Australia.

ESIs and WHPs for commonly used vet chemicals registered for use in goats are available at www.apvma.gov.au/ESI. It is important to check that WHP and ESI information is current. Goat ESI information can be found by identifying the product name in the Sheep ESI lists.

Q4. Agricultural chemicals

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 goats have consumed purchased feeds within 60 days prior to sale the vendor must answer YES unless they hold commodity (CVD) or by-product (BVD) vendor declarations which confirm that all required WHPs have been met. If you are unsure, or there was no WHP on the label, you must answer YES and provide details.

Q5. Animal fats

If you DON'T KNOW, you must tick YES

Only tick NO if: (a) they were bred on your property and you know they have never been fed

containing animal fats (b) you have evidence showing that these goats 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.

Q6. Additional information

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

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.

Restricted Animal Material 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 goats 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 LPA NVD form template can be downloaded from www.mla.com.au/lpa