



# FOOD UNIT NOTICE

## **SUBJECT: Emergency Animal Disease Plan for Domestic & Export Registered, State Regulated (Tier 1) Abattoirs' and Knackeries in Western Australia**

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### **Distribution of Notice:**

Western Australian (WA) domestic and Tier 1 registered abattoir food businesses covered by the Australian Standard for the Hygienic Production and Transportation of Meat and Meat Products for Human Consumption (AS 4696: 2007), knackeries, the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR), relevant *Food Act 2008* enforcement agencies, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), Authorised Officers (Meat Inspectors), livestock handlers, managers and other relevant staff.

### **Purpose:**

Every day, thousands of animals pass through Australia's abattoirs and knackeries. This means that these premises may be amongst the first to detect Emergency Animal Diseases (EADs). The purpose of this Food Unit Notice is to help minimise the impact that a disease can have within the period of reporting to confirmation through early detection and surveillance. Simple steps and key information gathered before an outbreak is confirmed can significantly decrease the impact. The information gathered will help DPIRD know what resources are available and what is needed on site to put into place a disease response.

### **Actions:**

*Food Act 2008* (WA) Fact Sheet 23: Emergency Animal Disease Plan for Domestic & Export Registered, State Regulated (Tier 1) Abattoir's and Knackeries in Western Australia has been developed. The information contained in this Fact Sheet is to assist domestic & Tier 1 abattoirs and knackeries to document and implement an EAD program.

### **Relevant *Food Act 2008* enforcement agencies**

Relevant *Food Act 2008* enforcement agencies that provide meat inspection services at abattoirs under the *Food Act 2008* are to include all relevant EAD information into the appropriate meat inspection procedures. Meat Inspectors and other relevant staff are to be communicated with

regards to the EAD information required to be implemented by the appropriate enforcement agency.

Assess and/or audit domestic & Tier 1 abattoirs and knackeries EAD programs on an ongoing basis to ensure compliance.

### **Domestic and Tier 1 registered abattoirs covered by AS 4696:2007**

Domestic and Tier 1 registered abattoirs covered by AS 4696:2007 are to document and implement an EAD program into meat food business' approved arrangement. Meat Inspectors, livestock handlers, managers and other relevant staff are to be trained in relation to the food business' EAD program.

### **Knackeries**

Knackeries are to document and implement an EAD program. Livestock handlers, managers and other relevant staff are to be trained in relation to the business' EAD program.

### **Meat Inspectors, Livestock Handlers, Managers and Other Relevant Staff**

Meat Inspectors authorised under the *Food Act 2008 (WA)* with the relevant *Food Act 2008 (WA)* enforcement agencies, livestock handlers, managers and other relevant staff are to ensure that the food business' EAD program is implemented.

## **Resources**

### MINTRAC

- EAD Training Manual
- EAD Plan Template
- EAD Awareness Pack (including posters, magnets, contact cards and quick reference guides)
- EAD e-learning modules

### WA Department of Health

- *Food Act 2008 (WA) Fact Sheet 23: Emergency Animal Disease Plan for Domestic & Export Registered, State Regulated (Tier 1) Abattoir's and Knackeries in Western Australia*

### Other

- *Australian Standard for the Hygienic Production and Transportation of Meat and Meat Products for Human Consumption AS 4696:2007 (AS 4696:2007)*
- *Standard for the Hygienic Production of Pet Meat (AS 4841L2006, amended 2009)*

## **More information**

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or

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