



AUS-MEAT INDUSTRY INFORMATION

AUS-MEAT ACCREDITATION – NON PACKER EXPORTER (NPE)

AUS-MEAT Limited is an industry owned company operating as a joint venture between Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) and the Australian Meat Processor Corporation (AMPC). AUS-MEAT runs efficient, disciplined business practices operating under internationally recognised Quality Management Systems: ISO 9001: 2000.

Export Meat Regulations – NPE's

Under the *Australian Meat and Live-Stock Industry Act 1997* a person in management and control of a Meat Export Business must hold an Export Meat Licence. All Export Meat Licence holders must have AUS-MEAT Accreditation before they will be issued with a Licence. The information on our Training section webpage provides the necessary details about the Qualification requirements (Quality Systems Accreditation) that is required by NPE's.

Accreditation Requirements – NPE's

AU-MEAT Limited is cited as the Standards responsible for setting standards for meat for export under Regulation 3 (1) of the Australian Meat and Livestock Industry (Export Licensing) Regulations 1998. AUS-MEAT accreditation is provided to NPE's that trade or distribute Australian Meat or Meat Products. All NPE's will be required to conform to the National Accreditation Standards and will be subject to an annual audit, annual accreditation fee and annual 'User licence' to access the AUS-MEAT On Line Membership information.

Use of the AUS-MEAT Language

The AUS-MEAT Language is a common language which uses objective descriptions to describe meat products accurately to meet market requirements both nationally and internationally. A trade description that conforms to the AUS-MEAT Language is taken to be accurate for the purposes of compliance with export legislation. NPE's must understand and use the AUS-MEAT Language when describing products in contracts, purchasing instructions or orders, specifications, consignment documents and customer supplier correspondence.

Quality Management System and Qualified Personnel

Non Packer Exporters wishing to be accredited by AUS-MEAT may implement an AUS-MEAT approved Quality Management System designed to ensure consistency of quality and accurate product description. Training is an integral part of AUS-MEAT Accreditation and our Training services are provided to comply with industry standards to ensure trained personnel implement correct use of the AUS-MEAT Language and accurate product description terminology is applied to all meat products.

The **Quality System Accreditation** Course is the required qualification before an NPE can be accredited. The NPE must have available two (2) persons who hold this qualification, one of these must be located within the office of the business.

AUS-MEAT's status as a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) ensures Training courses comply with Training and Assessment Standards under the Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF).

Further Information

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AUS-MEAT Accreditation Process - NPE

NON PACKER EXPORTER (NPE) ACCREDITATION (Accreditation available to Australia and New Zealand Meat Traders)

Apply for Accreditation

- submit Accreditation application, payment of Application fee
- NPE must have required number of qualified staff employed before accreditation can proceed

Requirements detailed in National Accreditation Standards (NAS)

NPE Staff obtain required qualifications by attending AUS-MEAT Training courses & continue to work towards Accreditation

Application will be progressed once:

- Qualification requirements of staff have been verified
- Application fee has been paid
- On Line Membership subscription will be set up by AUS-MEAT

NPE develops Quality Management System / QA Checklist and works within agreed guidelines to progress accreditation

Accreditation Audit conducted to determine NPE's capability to comply with the NAS requirements, correct use of AUS-MEAT Language and access to reference material (On Line Subscription)

Accreditation is granted where audit findings indicate conformity with the NAS requirements; capability to use the AUS-MEAT language is demonstrated and adequate number of qualified staff employed

AUS-MEAT Accreditation is awarded. NPE commences regular capability audits and continuous review of QMS and operations conformity.

NPE applies to AQIS for Meat Export Licence