

# Importing Livestock and Bovine Reproductive Material into Tasmania

There are some requirements that you must comply with when importing livestock to Tasmania. The purpose of these requirements is to protect Tasmania's livestock industries from exotic diseases. Breaching these requirements can result in a fine.

If you are planning to import livestock:

- **Know the requirements for the species you intend to import.**
- **Comply with requirements and fully complete any forms.**
- **Send all paperwork to Biosecurity Tasmania at least 24 hours prior to arrival into Tasmania.**
- **Make sure a copy of the paperwork accompanies the animals. Transporters are also responsible for ensuring this occurs.**

Note that there is an arrival inspection charge for commercial livestock. Livestock can be held on the wharf, at the importer's expense, if the paperwork is incomplete.

## National Livestock Identification Scheme (NLIS)

A National Vendor Declaration (NVD) signed by the person sending the livestock must be completed for most livestock species. In most cases this requires registration with Meat and Livestock Australia to get a book of NVD forms or download an [electronic NVD form](#) from the MLA website.

## Health Certificates

Completed Health Certificates are required for most livestock species. The vendor or a person who has personal knowledge of the animals' health status must fill out and sign the declaration about the animals' health.

Some Health Certificates must also be signed by an authorised stock officer or vet from the State or Territory of origin. The officer or vet does not need to inspect the stock.

Also note that under the National Johnes Disease control program there may be other requirements such as [National Animal Health Declarations](#).

## Animal Welfare

You should comply with the [Animal Welfare Guidelines – Transport of Livestock Across Bass Strait](#) which are available from the NRE Tas website. Non-compliance with this guideline may result in a breach of the *Animal Welfare Act 1993* and attract a fine or prosecution. Livestock should be accompanied by the [declaration](#) in Appendix III of the guidelines.

- **Use the current version of forms.**
- **Downloading forms from the [NRE TAS website](#) is the easiest way to ensure this.**
- **To obtain the exact forms you need for the livestock you are importing, use the links provided in the table overleaf.**

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Livestock	Health Certificate	NLIS	Welfare	Other requirements
<b>Cattle</b>	<a href="#">Health Certificate for Cattle Entering Tasmania</a>	Completed <a href="#">NVD</a> Must have NLIS device fitted	Completed <a href="#">declaration</a>	If destined for Flinders Island must complete <a href="#">National Animal Health Statement for Johnes Disease Status for Beef Cattle</a> and be 'Beef Only' or better.
<b>Sheep</b> (not for slaughter)	<a href="#">Health Certificate for Breeding and Store Sheep entering Tasmania</a>	Completed <a href="#">NVD</a> Must have NLIS tag	Completed <a href="#">declaration</a>	Completed <a href="#">National Sheep Health Statement</a> . If wool is over 25mm, inspect animals for plant material contamination and apply for a <a href="#">shearing exemption</a> or have them shorn prior to arrival.
<b>Sheep</b> for slaughter	<a href="#">Health Certificate for Slaughter Pigs &amp; Slaughter Sheep Entering Tasmania</a>	Completed <a href="#">NVD</a>	Completed <a href="#">declaration</a>	If wool is over 25mm, inspect animals for plant material contamination and apply for a <a href="#">shearing exemption</a> or have them shorn prior to arrival
<b>Pigs</b> (not for slaughter)	<a href="#">Health Certificate for Breeding &amp; Store Pigs Entering Tasmania</a>	Completed <a href="#">NVD</a> <a href="#">Pig Pass</a> is recommended	Completed <a href="#">declaration</a>	All pigs in the consignment must be <a href="#">identified by tattoo</a> or other approved means if over 10 weeks of age.
<b>Pigs</b> for slaughter	<a href="#">Health Certificate for Slaughter Pigs &amp; Slaughter Sheep Entering Tasmania</a>	Completed <a href="#">NVD</a> <a href="#">Pig Pass</a> is recommended	Completed <a href="#">declaration</a>	All pigs in the consignment must be <a href="#">identified by tattoo</a> or other approved means if over 10 weeks of age.
<b>Goats</b>	<a href="#">Health Certificate for Goats Entering Tasmania</a>	Completed <a href="#">NVD</a> Must have NLIS tag	Completed <a href="#">declaration</a>	Completed <a href="#">National Goat Health Declaration</a> . If fleece is over 25mm, inspect animals for plant material contamination and apply for a <a href="#">shearing exemption</a> or have them shorn prior to arrival.
<b>Alpacas, Llamas and Camels</b>	<a href="#">Health Certificate for South American Camelids &amp; Camels Entering Tasmania</a>	No requirements	Completed <a href="#">declaration</a>	If fleece is over 25mm, inspect animals for plant material contamination and apply for a <a href="#">shearing exemption</a> or have them shorn prior to arrival.
<b>Bovine reproductive material</b>	<a href="#">Health Certificate for Bovine Reproductive Material Entering Tasmania</a>	No requirements	N/A	Completed Health Certificate must be attached to the outside of the container.
<b>Horses</b>	Not required	No requirements	Completed <a href="#">declaration</a>	Only supply enough horse feed for the journey to Tasmanian shores. Straw or hay must not be used for bedding. Excess feed will be confiscated on arrival. For Animal Welfare information see <a href="#">Importing Animals into Tasmania</a> .

For further information or assistance check the [NRE Tas website](#), contact your agent, or phone Biosecurity Tasmania 03 6165 3777

#### Send Forms to 'BIOSECURITY TASMANIA':

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