



NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: AUSTRALIA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Edible meat and meat products derived from cattle, buffalo, camels, goats, deer, sheep, pigs, horses and donkeys; wild game; rabbit; poultry and ratite (emu, ostrich).
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Administrative updates to Australian Government edible meat and meat product sanitary and halal certificate templates used for exports from Australia. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 1 https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/export/certification/nexdoc/transition
6. Description of content: Australia is replacing its current export documentation system, known as the Export Documentation System (EXDOC), with a new version called the Next Export Documentation System (NEXDOC). The change of system from EXDOC to NEXDOC will result in changes to official Australian Government export certificate templates for Australian agricultural goods. <p>Australia's export certification for edible meat and meat products such as meat, offal and meat products derived from cattle, buffalo, camels, goats, deer, sheep, pigs, horses and donkeys; wild game; rabbit; poultry and ratite (emu, ostrich) will soon transition to the NEXDOC system. This includes, where relevant, halal certification issued for halal meat and meat products.</p> <p>Australia has already transitioned a range of commodity specific export certification to the NEXDOC system including inedible animal products (October 2025), low-risk food items (May 2025), wool, skins and hides (November 2024), fish (September 2024), eggs (December 2023), honey (2022-2023), and dairy (May 2021).</p> <p>The planned changes do not affect bilaterally agreed information, conditions or attestations required by importing countries or the department's regulatory controls over exports. However, there are minor changes to formatting and the location of some of this information on the export certificate template.</p> <p>Electronic certification (eCert) is not affected by the planned changes.</p> <p>The NEXDOC export certificate templates have unique Quick Response (QR) codes that provide consignment specific information border officials can use to confirm authenticity of the certificate in real-time. To verify the QR code, border officials scan the code through the official's smart phone camera.</p>

<p>Australia proposes NEXDOC export certificate and, where relevant, halal certificate templates will be issued for edible meat and meat products from 20 April 2026. There will be a transition period where both the EXDOC and NEXDOC certificate templates will be in use to allow for transit time (air and sea freight) to the port of destination.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CCFICS CAC/GL 38-2001</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Not applicable.</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 20 April 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 20 February 2026</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 April 2026 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 April 2026 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Tel: +(61) 2 6272 3933 E-mail: sps.contact@aff.gov.au Website: http://www.agriculture.gov.au</p>

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