

GENERAL CIRCULAR

This general circular contains important information from the NSW Food Authority for NSW based AQIS export registered establishments.

Please take the time to read this information.

If you have any queries, please contact

NSW Food Authority Consumer & Industry Helpline on 1300 552 406

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To: All export registered establishments in NSW

Subject: Audits of export registered establishments

1. Audits

Changed service delivery

From 1 January 2012, regulatory audits for both export and domestic requirements will be carried out by either AQIS or the NSW Food Authority.

Background

The Authority and AQIS have recently signed a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which enables one regulator to verify food safety regulatory compliance on behalf of both organisations for export registered establishments.

Service delivery arrangements

For business types where the Authority has had a more significant presence historically, the Authority will undertake regulatory audits on behalf of AQIS. These include dairy processors, single commodity dairy stores, shellfish harvesters, egg processors, red meat abattoirs (tier one), poultry abattoirs and game meat field harvesters.

AQIS will audit, on behalf of the Authority, multi commodity dairy stores, seafood processors, fishing vessels and red meat (tier two) export abattoirs.

The Authority and AQIS are working together to ensure that officers from both agencies are trained and authorised to undertake the regulatory activities for both domestic and export requirements.

Information gathered by the Authority whilst undertaking regulatory audits or performing compliance activities may be disclosed to AQIS for the purpose of assessing compliance with the *Export Control Act* and related Commonwealth legislation.

This agreement will remove potential regulatory duplication and reduce compliance costs for these sectors as well as enabling a more efficient use of staff resources in the two agencies.

Enquiries

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