

LiveCorp is continuing to work closely with the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (the department) to provide exporters, LiveCorp Accredited Stockpersons and Australian Accredited Veterinarians with the latest information on the impacts of COVID-19 to the livestock export industry.



As always, the information available changes rapidly and it is strongly recommend that you confirm all details with the relevant authorities.

### Arrival in Australia

The department understands that the Prime Minister’s announcement on 27 March 2020 about further restrictions on incoming travellers **does not apply to stockpersons and AAVs**. They are considered air and maritime crew and [according to the PM’s statement](#) “will be required to continue to undertake the existing precautions they are following where they self-isolate in their accommodation if they enter Australia until their next work voyage.”

Therefore **vessel crew, stock people and AAVs are able to transit domestically (subject to state-based restrictions) immediately post-disembarkation to their final destination** or to another port location to board a new voyage if they self-isolate in the intervening time.

The department understands that an updated information sheet to confirm the above will be published by Australian Border Force in the coming days.

### Australian domestic border restrictions

As you would be aware, some States and Territories (WA, NT, QLD and SA) have brought in border control measures to restrict the movement of people. LiveCorp and ALEC have been working to ensure the livestock export industry, and its personnel, are included as essential services and receive exemptions to these restrictions.

The Red Meat Advisory Council has [summarised](#) State/Territory border movement restrictions (as of 27 March).

The following Arrival Forms / information are a reference which may be helpful for LiveCorp Accredited Stockpersons and Australian Accredited Veterinarians that need to travel domestically:

- **Northern Territory** – COVID-19 Exemption Application & NT Arrival Form (<https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/community-advice/border-controls#section3>)
- **Queensland** – Qld Electronic Entry Pass ([www.qld.gov.au/border-pass](http://www.qld.gov.au/border-pass))
- **Western Australia** – WA Arrival Form for COVID-19 ([www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/wa-border-arrivals-form](http://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/wa-border-arrivals-form))
- **Tasmania** – TAS Arrival Form for COVID-19 (<https://dpiwwe.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania/biosecurity/biosecurity-forms/covid-19-important-information-for-travellers>)
- **South Australia** – border restrictions in place but the need for arrival forms is being clarified (<https://www.police.sa.gov.au/sa-police-news-assets/front-page-news/direction-released-for-travel-into-south-australia#.XntERj8zYkl>)
- **New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory and Victoria** – no border restrictions known at present

For anyone transiting across domestic State and Territory borders, carrying the following documentation is recommended (or have a copy easily accessibly on a phone or other device):

- Relevant certificate of accreditation
- A letter of employment from the exporter (e.g. a letter noting that you are engaged in essential services related to agriculture and brief details of your employment task, the expected date of departure, the port that you will depart from and details of the exporter employer)
- Any other evidence to demonstrate evidence of employment in the agriculture sector (such as a contract).

In addition to this, the department has advised that it is developing letters or other information that will help support the movements of accredited stockpersons and AAVs between States/Territories and onto to vessels.

In the interim, it has advised that anyone running into issues in demonstrating they are an essential traveller while transiting for a shipment, can **call the Department's local regional offices or the exporter** (who will be able to contact the central Canberra department office) and they will speak with the relevant authorities. It will also be useful for stockpersons and vets to ensure they are recorded on TRACE for a consignment prior to travelling.

LiveCorp understands these are challenging times and appreciates everyone's patience as the requirements and processes are clarified and bedded down. LiveCorp, together with the department, ALEC and other industry bodies, want to make sure that the livestock export industry remains an essential service within Australia and that all industry personnel reach their required destinations.