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LiveCorp welcomes extra 10% space increase for sheep on livestock vessels

LiveCorp has welcomed the outcome of discussion between exporters and AQIS to refine vessel space requirements for sheep transported to the Middle East during summer.

LiveCorp CEO Cameron Hall said the 5 % - 10% additional space is over and above the existing space required by the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL) and is evidence of the industry's commitment to animal welfare.

"A 10% space increase is significant, and we anticipate it will deliver even greater animal welfare outcomes when applied to open tiered decks," he said.

Through industry collaboration with AQIS, an increased space allowance of 5%-10% has been implemented for sheep travelling to the Middle East on open tiered decks during May to October.

"The exporters' discussion with AQIS was not simply about the economic impact of the changes. It was about working together to determine the best way to enhance the standards and deliver improved animal welfare outcomes, whilst maintaining the viability of a trade that is critical to Australian producers." said Mr Hall

"Over 99% of sheep arrived fit and healthy at their Middle Eastern destination last year. Australia's livestock export industry is committed to continuing to improve this already high result, and we believe this increase in space will deliver improved animal welfare outcomes."

The Australian livestock export industry is the most highly regulated in the world, and is committed to animal welfare.

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