

FOR DISCUSSION

NAMP Technical Committee Annual Meeting 2023

Agenda Item 3.1

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REQUIREMENTS OF TRADING PARTNERS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW MARKET ACCESS**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the NAMP Technical Committee Note:
 - That the NAMP Technical Committee note the continued importance of NAMP for existing and future market access.
 - That NAMP technical committee are aware of and are willing to assist (with information/time) the United Kingdom visiting Australia to assess Australia's BTV management systems including NAMP.

BACKGROUND

1. *Market access work has been focused on maintenance of existing livestock markets rather than the development of new access. However, new market access has been achieved for Argentina (breeder sheep) as well as Papua New Guinea (sheep and goats).*

Following longstanding applications with the United Kingdom, they have agreed to come to Australia in early 2024 (date not confirmed) to review Australia's management systems for BTV. This will support recognition of Australia's animal health systems and help pave the way for livestock and potentially other exports.

Türkiye has previously (2018) indicated that they were interested in sending a delegation to review NAMP. The market looked as though it would not materialize due to poor economic conditions. However, Türkiye has recently contacted the department regarding the livestock trade broadly and we will continue to communicate in an effort to reopen this market.

DISCUSSION

1. New market access to Argentina relies on NAMP for assurances that the animals are maintained in a BTV transmission free zone.

The alpaca industry has been lobbying for market access to the EU and the UK for several years. This has not been possible due to extensive requirements captured under EU legislation. The UK had been following EU legislative requirements in order to ensure the UK/EU trade was not compromised, however, they have now agreed to assess Australia independently of the EU. Given that BTV is often referred to as the historical reason Australia was not accepted as an approved country for the EU, the UK would like to assess our management of BTV. This will involve general state surveillance as well as NAMP.

The UK may find it difficult to accept that we monitor the natural limits of transmission rather than imposing movement controls and quarantine areas as would be the case for non-vector spread diseases. Initial discussions suggested that they were more comfortable with the idea of assessing

seasonal or total freedom. We will need to take some time to ensure they understand NAMP and the decades of successful disease mitigation that it has delivered.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2. *Technical support for international delegations may be sought. This may require time and or travel. To be discussed further s preparations are made.*

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

1. The United Kingdom has been in ongoing discussions with the department to arrange a visit to Australia to review our management of BTV. Itinerary is still being discussed but it is likely that this will involve meeting with some of the state coordinators and laboratories.
The department may contact committee members over the coming weeks, if representatives from the UK contact you directly, please let commonwealth know.

NEXT STEPS/ACTIONS

2. The commonwealth will be in contact with relevant committee members as soon as possible.