

FOR DISCUSSION

NAMP Technical Committee Annual Meeting 2024

Agenda Item 4.1

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AUSTRALIAN LIVESTOCK MARKET ACCESS

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the NAMP Technical Committee NOTE
 - a. **The importance of NAMP in supporting international market access for livestock.**

BACKGROUND

2. *Australia utilizes NAMP to support new and existing market access for livestock. In recent years, most proposed trade protocols from importing countries include management requirements for Bluetongue virus.*
3. *The United Kingdom sent a delegation to Australia in early 2024, to assess the suitability of NAMP to manage BTV in livestock imported into the UK. Their findings have not been finalized.*
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DISCUSSION

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2. *USA is seeking to negotiate conditions for arboviruses beyond BTV*
3. *The Japanese market remains paused due to commercial reasons*
4. *China has agreed to reassess the zone around Echuca that they consider to be within the transmission zone.*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. *N/A*

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

6. *Awaiting report from the UK on their assessment of NAMP*
7. *Awaiting further advice from China if they will be available to reassess the zone surrounding Echuca*

NEXT STEPS/ACTIONS

8. *The committee will be updated as more information relating to overseas countries assessing NAMP becomes available.*