

FOR DISCUSSION

NAMP Technical Committee Annual Meeting 2025

Agenda Item 2.1

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AUSTRALIAN LIVESTOCK MARKET ACCESS

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the NAMP Technical Committee NOTE and DISCUSS:
 - a. **The importance of NAMP in supporting international market access for ruminant livestock and semen and embryos particularly in China, Indonesia, Türkiye and Mexico.**

BACKGROUND

1. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) works closely with industry to prioritise market access and development work for ruminant livestock and semen and embryo exports.
2. Where bluetongue virus management is required by an importing country, DAFF will attempt to negotiate an option for livestock exports to trade on the basis of residency in the NAMP BTV Transmission-Free Zone for a specified period of time immediately prior to export.
3. As discussed in 4.1 in NAMP TC Annual meeting 2024:
 - a. China reconsidered the 2017 BTV precautionary zone in northern Victoria. China now recognises this as part of the Australian BTV Transmission-Free Zone.
 - b. The United Kingdom sent a delegation to Australia in early 2024, to assess Australia's systems for managing BTV in exported livestock. However, the UK must align with the European Union's Animal Health Law so cannot progress with formal recognition of the Australian BTV Transmission-Free Zone.
4. Negotiations are currently underway for priority export markets of Mexico, Türkiye and Indonesia, which all have BTV requirements.

DISCUSSION

5. China
 - a. A joint delegation from Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China (MARA) and the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) visited Australia February 2025 to evaluate ruminant semen and embryo centres for export trade and also discussed the BTV precautionary zone in northern Victoria.
 - b. China now recognises the former BTV precautionary zone in Northern Victoria and Southern New South Wales as being part of the Australian BTV Transmission-Free Zone, from 6 May 2025. [Market Access Notices | Micor | Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry](#)
 - c. China has also re-opened as a ruminant semen and embryo export market after successful re-accreditation of several establishments for export.
6. United Kingdom (UK) BTV report:
 - a. The UK noted in June 2025 that their report on the audit of Australia's management systems in 2024 is now complete. A project designed to recognise endemic and non-endemic zones was approved within the UK.
 - b. However, the UK cannot proceed with this implementation phase of the report. This is because Australia's system is not aligned with the European Union's Animal Health Law.

7. Indonesia
 - a. Live cattle and buffalo export protocols are currently being re-negotiated. The cattle protocols rely on BTV-8 freedom declarations based on NAMP.
8. Türkiye
 - a. Live cattle and small ruminant export protocols are currently being re-negotiated, and Australia will aim to use NAMP to allow pre-export residency in the Australia BTV Transmission-Free Zone as an alternative to testing.
9. Mexico
 - a. Live cattle currently being re-negotiated, and Australia will aim to use NAMP to allow pre-export residency in the BTV-free zone as an alternative to testing.
 - b. Australia intends to shift focus away from references to Aino and Akabane during these negotiations and instead focus on the BTV Transmission-Free Zone as an indication of arbovirus freedom.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. N/A

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

11. N/A

NEXT STEPS/ACTIONS

12. N/A