

Fact Sheet:

Processor



What is the PigPass National Vendor Declaration (NVD)?

The PigPass NVD is a declaration that pig production procedures have been carried out in a way that meets agreed industry and government standards relating to food safety, animal disease control and animal welfare.

The PigPass NVD provides key information which can be used to trace pigs or pork back to the property of origin in the event of an emergency such as an animal disease outbreak or a food safety related incident.

Why was the PigPass NVD introduced?

The PigPass NVD was introduced in response to market and regulatory authority demands for food standards and systems to provide assurance to markets and consumers that key industry and government standards have been met. The NVD is a condition of certification for all pork exports.

The PigPass NVD also provides buyers with information which enables them to manage key risks associated with food production.

The PigPass NVD brings the pork industry into line with other livestock species including cattle, bobby calves, sheep and goats. The NVD system for these other species has been in place for some time.

When was the PigPass NVD introduced?

The PigPass NVD was introduced into export abattoirs in August 2006.

The Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) indicated that it would continue to certify pork for export from 1 January 2007 if the pigs from which the pork was derived were accompanied by a PigPass NVD the pigs were sourced from farms with approved quality assurance (QA) programs.

Both the Australian Pork Industry Quality (APIQ) program and PigPass QA program are approved by AQIS and by export abattoirs.

The NSW Food Authority introduced new requirements for domestic abattoirs from 30 June 2007 whereby livestock consigned for sale or slaughter is to be accompanied by a completed and valid NVD. A "valid" NVD is defined by the Authority as one where the pigs have been sourced from a farm with a certified QA program.

Other State authorities are moving to also accept the PigPass system for verifying compliance with the legislation.

How do producers get PigPass NVDs?

From 1 November 2007 PigPass NVDs will only be available by registering on the PigPass System – www.pigpass.com.au. Registration applications can be submitted on-line or by contacting the PigPass Helpdesk at 1800 001 458.

Livestock agents can raise an Emergency PigPass NVD from the PigPass website on behalf of producers who have not yet ordered a PigPass NVD book. However agents will be required to register on the PigPass System before accessing the Emergency NVD.

PigPass NVD books are available from the system in books of 10 (\$15), 20 (\$25) or 50 (\$50).

Are there other functions that may assist agents and saleyards in servicing their customers?

The PigPass System has a range of functions of potential use to agents and saleyards. For example, registered users have access to a QA status search which enables the operator to enter a brand or tattoo for a report on the QA status of that brand/tattoo.

There are also links to key government resources and information and access to key industry reports on market risks.

How can agents or saleyard operators assist producers with the new PigPass System?

Agents and saleyards can assist producers by informing them of the new system for accessing PigPass NVDs from 1 November, or by directing them to the PigPass Helpdesk at 1800 001 458.

Agents and saleyards can also display the brochure on the PigPass NVD for the information of their producer customers.

Who do I contact for further information on the PigPass NVD?

Further information is available from the PigPass Helpdesk at 1800 001 458. Your State Department of Primary Industries may also provide information.

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