



CATTLE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

Format of the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock

Cattle Council appreciates the opportunity to provide input into the new format for the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL).

Cattle Council is the peak industry body representing Australian beef cattle producers and advocates on behalf of the broader cattle industry, including the families and communities whose livelihoods depend on the future of the livestock export industry. With over 70 percent of all Australian cattle production exported (to over 78 countries), at a value of A\$8 billion in 2017/18, it is vital that Australia has an efficient and clear set of standards that enable ASEL to be easily understood and utilised by those in the livestock export industry.

In regards to the proposed two new ASEL format options:

1. the standards for sea export and air export in one document—the Reformatted Standards for the Export of Livestock by sea and air
2. two separate documents—the Reformatted Standards for the Export of Livestock by sea and the Reformatted Standards for the Export of Livestock by air.

Cattle Council members have indicated that there is a clear preference for option two (separate sea transport and air transport documents).

The ASEL standards are often carried (as a physical document) by those involved in the live export trade, and it is critical that the relevant information be easily accessed in an efficient manner. Cattle Council understands that there is limited to no crossover between sea and air transportation, thus recommend option two be adopted to ensure the relevant information is provided dependent on the mode of transportation.

Cattle Council have previously provided feedback on ASEL documentation, thus have no further comments to add regarding the order of sections and the information within sections, or in regards to any additional subheadings.

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