

The Marine Orders which previously provided the requirements on live export still have effect but relate moreover to ship maintenance and shipboard operations such as ventilation.

The Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock or ASEL as they are commonly known are now in effect and provide the 'rules' by which exporters are supposed to comply- although there is no provision by which exporters would be compelled to show compliance. This means that breaches must be exposed by regulatory authorities before any action can be taken. This process presumes regulatory authorities are present at all times. They are not. In fact AQIS appear at portside intermittently'.

There are 6 sections to ASEL one for each part of the 'live export chain' from sourcing on farm, delivery to feedlots, transport, shipboard management through to air transportation. The Australian Quarantine Inspection Service or AQIS are responsible for enforcement of the ASEL

1/ [On Farm Sourcing](#): AQIS do not inspect animals at source to ensure animals chosen for live export are fit and healthy.

2/ [Land transport](#): AQIS do not inspect animals on transports to ensure that the ASEL is complied with even though the requirements in ASEL are somewhat detailed.

3/ [Registered Premises](#): AQIS do not inspect every animal held in feedlots to ensure that the ASEL is complied with even though the conditions of animals (rejects) failing to meet requirements in ASEL are somewhat detailed. They do not inspect every truck which unloads/loads animals for export.

4/ [Vessel Preparation](#): AQIS do become involved in checking the ship.

5/ [On board Management](#): Information unclear as to AQIS involvement.

6/ [Air Transport](#): Information unclear as to AQIS involvement.

At portside when the actually loading onto the ship occurs, AQIS which is part of the Federal Government, rely on the exporter and his vet to check the animals and remove any which would not be fit and healthy. This means there is NO competent government authority monitoring, and or enforcing live export regulations in relation to arrival of trucks, unloading trucks ,drafting and oading the ship.