

All Cattle Producers

IT IS THE LAW TO TAG ALL LIVESTOCK AND FILL IN YOUR LPA NVD CORRECTLY AND COMPLETELY

All livestock must be NLIS identified properly prior to any movement off your property. You must fill in the LPA NVD correctly and completely, answering all questions fully.

Please ensure

- A full description of the stock (no abbreviations) is completed
eg: Bullocks, Steers, Cows, Heifers (not male or female or M or F as this is not acceptable). Breeds must be described in full again, with no abbreviations acceptable. When describing breeds if something is a cross bred please write the description in full
eg: Brahman cross (not Brahman X as this is also unacceptable)
- Number of stock is included
- Number of head with tags or boluses written in - not just ticked
- Consigned to fully completed with address as below
*Ray Donovan Stock & Station Agents
50 Armidale Street, South Grafton NSW 2460*
- Destination address fully completed with address as below
Grafton Saleyards, 267 Armidale Road, South Grafton NSW 2460
- All questions are answered
- Declaration fully completed with full name and full address (including postcodes)

Every detail must be filled in on an LPA NVD to make it comply.

The LPA National Vendor Declaration (LPA NVD) is the main document behind Australia's meat and livestock food safety reputation. As a livestock producer, you must guarantee the animals you sell are not exposed to food safety hazards and that you meet all traceability requirements, should a food safety issue occur.

LPA is industry's on-farm food safety program. LPA meets the stringent requirements of domestic and export markets, providing assurance of the safety of your Australian beef, lamb, sheep and goat meat.

When an LPA NVD is signed, as a producer you are sharing information on your livestock's history and declaring compliance with all LPA requirements including traceability. Buyers demand this, as do their overseas customers.

State departments will be doing audits of abattoirs, export depots, feedlots and saleyards, checking NVDs and traceability. Costs to rectify the NVDs, fines and/or prosecutions could follow for incorrect NVD paperwork and non-tagging of livestock.

Australian Livestock & Property Agents Association Members encourage producers to check all stock are properly tagged and to fill in the NVD correctly and completely. By doing this you will ensure you obtain maximum competition for you livestock and avoid possible departmental prosecution and penalties. Please remember to only ever send animals that are "Fit to Load" and "Fit for the Journey".

Also note: As a buyer you must give the destination PIC of all livestock purchased to the Agent so that correct transfers of cattle can be done.

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing your NVD next time you sell cattle, please don't hesitate to contact Ray Donovan Stock & Station Agents and one of the staff will happily talk you through the process.

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