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Foreword

The Livestock Global Assurance Program (LGAP) is an international certification program for Operators and Facilities that export, import, manage and process livestock.

The LGAP Standards underpin LGAP and include the following documents:

- LGAP 1000 *Livestock assurance - Fundamentals and vocabulary;*
- LGAP 1001 *Livestock assurance - Requirements for animal welfare and management;*
- LGAP 1002 *Livestock assurance - Requirements for the management system of Operators, Facilities and Traceability System Providers;*
- LGAP 1003 *Livestock assurance - Requirements for Operator chain of custody; and*
- *LGAP 1004 Livestock assurance – Requirements for traceability systems used by Operators and Facilities.*

The LGAP Standards have been prepared by the AniMark Standards Committee in accordance with internationally accepted standards development methodologies, including the opportunity for stakeholders and the public to provide comments.

The AniMark Board has adopted the LGAP Standards for application under LGAP.

Document control

The latest version of all normative documents can be downloaded from the AniMark website:
<https://www.animark.com.au/>

Language

Original documents are in English. LGAP documents will be translated into other languages and published on the AniMark website. Once published, these official LGAP documents will be the only documents that may be used for certification in that language. In case of discrepancy between translations, the English version shall prevail.

Changes to documents

Normative documents are identified with a unique document code, a version number and date.

The date in the version name indicates the date the document becomes operative. *Changes from the previous version are marked in italics.*

The updates will be sent to all LGAP Approved Certification Bodies, Certified Operators, Certified Facilities *and Traceability System Providers* as official communication.

Introduction

This Standard is one in a suite of standards that support the operation of the Livestock Global Assurance Program (LGAP). Together they form a coherent set of standards for livestock assurance and assist organizations, of all types and sizes, to identify and fulfil their livestock assurance commitments.

LGAP is an international conformity assessment and certification program for Operators and Facilities that export, import, manage and process livestock, which are an important source of protein for the global community. How these livestock are treated through the supply chain is of increasing concern to the global community which is seeking assurances that certain expectations for animal welfare and management are met.

Tracing animals as they move through the supply chain is critical to assuring the appropriate treatment of livestock is maintained. Livestock traceability also underpins animal health, disease control, food safety and product integrity.

This Standard contains requirements to ensure Operators maintain a commitment to the welfare, management and traceability of livestock across the full supply chain. These requirements include complying with laws and regulations in relevant jurisdictions, maintaining traceability of livestock and ensuring contingency plans are in place in the event of a supply chain disruption.

Operators, Facilities and Traceability System Providers that fulfil the relevant requirements of the LGAP Standards may seek certification in accordance with the LGAP Certification Rules.

1 Scope

This Standard contains requirements for supply chain traceability and animal welfare for livestock that are intended for slaughter *for food supply* and can be applied in any jurisdiction. Slaughter may *incorporate* cultural or religious observances.

This standard is applicable to Operators, including Exporters and Importers.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in LGAP 1000 *Livestock assurance - Fundamentals and vocabulary* apply.

4 Chain of custody requirements

Principle: The Operator can demonstrate a commitment to the welfare, management and traceability of animals in establishments throughout their supply chains.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL OPERATORS

4.1 The Operator shall demonstrate a commitment to the welfare of animals throughout the supply chain by ensuring livestock are only sent to and received by Operators and Facilities throughout the supply chain that are certified under LGAP to the level prescribed.

NOTE 1 The prescribed level of certification can be set by the Program Owner, a regulator or supply chain partner.

NOTE 2 Where specified livestock are required to be sent to sites which are not included in the scope of LGAP (e.g. breeding livestock), documented information includes that which demonstrates the legitimacy of these arrangements and that the animals were confirmed as received at that site.

NOTE 3 *This requirement does not preclude Importer Operators from receiving livestock from non-LGAP certified sources and sending those animals to non-LGAP certified sites in accordance with the identification, segregation, management, and documented information requirements of LGAP 1001 and LGAP 1002. Such requirements from LGAP 1001 and LGAP 1002 are intended to ensure livestock from LGAP certified sources are not mixed with livestock from non-LGAP certified sources or sent to non-LGAP certified sites.*

4.2 The Operator shall demonstrate a commitment to comply with the legal requirements of the jurisdictions through which the supply chain operates.

4.3 The Operator shall use and maintain a *traceability* system that results in the verifiable traceability of all animals throughout the supply chain until death.

NOTE 1 The traceability system may be prescribed by a supply chain partner, may be provided by a *third-party external to the organisation* or may be the Operator's own traceability system.

NOTE 2 Where an Operator has more than one supply chain partner, they may have to utilize more than one traceability system.

NOTE 3 Traceability of the livestock is expected to be verifiable from the site where animals are sent from to the next intended site where the animals are confirmed as received and continue until the death of the animal.

NOTE 4 Where specified livestock are required to be sent to sites which are not included in the scope of LGAP (e.g. breeding livestock), the traceability system must demonstrate that the animals were confirmed as received at that site.

- 4.4** The Operator shall maintain contingency arrangements for livestock throughout the supply chain and take action if:
- a) there are significant adverse traceability or animal welfare outcomes;
 - b) there are changes in market access arrangements (e.g. prohibition of market access or rejection of livestock); or
 - c) Certified Operators or Certified Facilities that are relied upon within the Operator's supply chain have their certification suspended or withdrawn.

NOTE Contingency arrangements are addressed further in LGAP 1002 *Livestock assurance - Requirements for the management system of Operators, Facilities and Traceability System Providers*.

- 4.5** The Operator shall fulfil the requirements of LGAP 1002 *Livestock assurance - Requirements for the management system of Operators, Facilities and Traceability System Providers*.