

AniMark®



Independence
Integrity
Transparency



About AniMark

AniMark is an independent Australian public company limited by guarantee, specialising in the development and adoption of standards-based certification programs.

AniMark's standards-setting process is based on science, research and international precedents.

AniMark's flagship certification program is the Livestock Global Assurance Program or LGAP, which aims to foster world's best practice in the welfare and management of livestock.

AniMark is governed by an independent skills-based board with five members, including the Chair.



Our Purpose

To set standards and monitor conformance for the ethical handling and management of livestock.

Our Vision

To be the international leader in the certification of agricultural supply chains.

Our Foundations

AniMark is built on the foundations of independence, integrity and transparency.

Livestock Global Assurance Program (LGAP)

The Livestock Global Assurance Program, or LGAP, is AniMark's flagship certification program applicable to any organisation, in any industry, anywhere in the world wanting to demonstrate their commitment to ethical and sustainable animal welfare, husbandry and management practices.

The aim of LGAP is to foster world's best practice in the welfare and management of animals, encourage continuous improvement and provide assurances that effective animal welfare and management standards are in place and are being applied.

The Australian livestock export industry has chosen LGAP as the preferred program which assists in demonstrating compliance with the Australian Government's regulatory framework: the Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS).





LGAP at a glance



ANIMALS

LGAP promotes the humane and ethical treatment of livestock. It defines consistent, evidence-based, scientific standards and provides assurances that appropriate practices are being fulfilled.



LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

LGAP provides an effective, direct and efficient mechanism to assist in the monitoring of animal welfare and management outcomes through the supply chain. The livestock export industry has chosen LGAP to demonstrate their compliance with the Australian Government's regulatory framework ESCAS.



AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

LGAP is the regulatory enabler which complements and demonstrates compliance with ESCAS. LGAP delivers audit independence, direct supply chain accountability and provides an evidence-based approach to enforcing consequences.



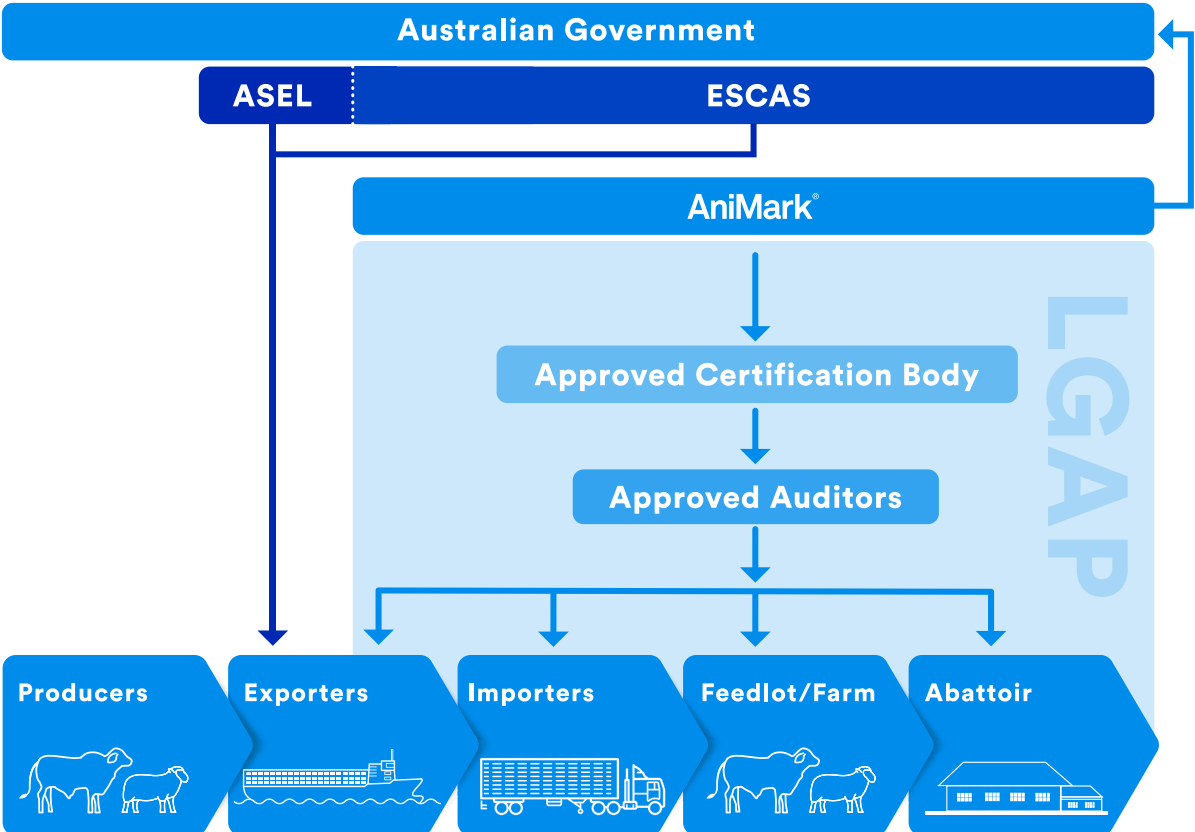
IN-COUNTRY PARTICIPANTS

LGAP provides opportunities for facilities and operators to improve standards and conduct their operations in line with internationally accepted animal welfare requirements, while demonstrating their commitment to ethical and sustainable standards.



COMMUNITY

The community can be confident that participants certified under LGAP are conforming to appropriate standards of animal welfare and management, are accountable for their performance and that the Australian Government maintains its regulatory oversight of the trade.



LGAP Standards

The LGAP Standards form the basis of a set of requirements for livestock welfare assurance and assist organisations of all types and sizes throughout the world identify and fulfil their livestock assurance commitments.

The LGAP Standards have been developed in line with the World Organisation’s OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, as well as other codes, standards and guides and provide requirements for the management of livestock intended for processing for food supply.

The LGAP Standards adopted have been agreed by an independent, internationally formed Standards Committee and focus on four key areas:

-  **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 systems of operators and facilities
-  **LGAP 1003 Livestock assurance**
Requirements for Operator Chain of Custody

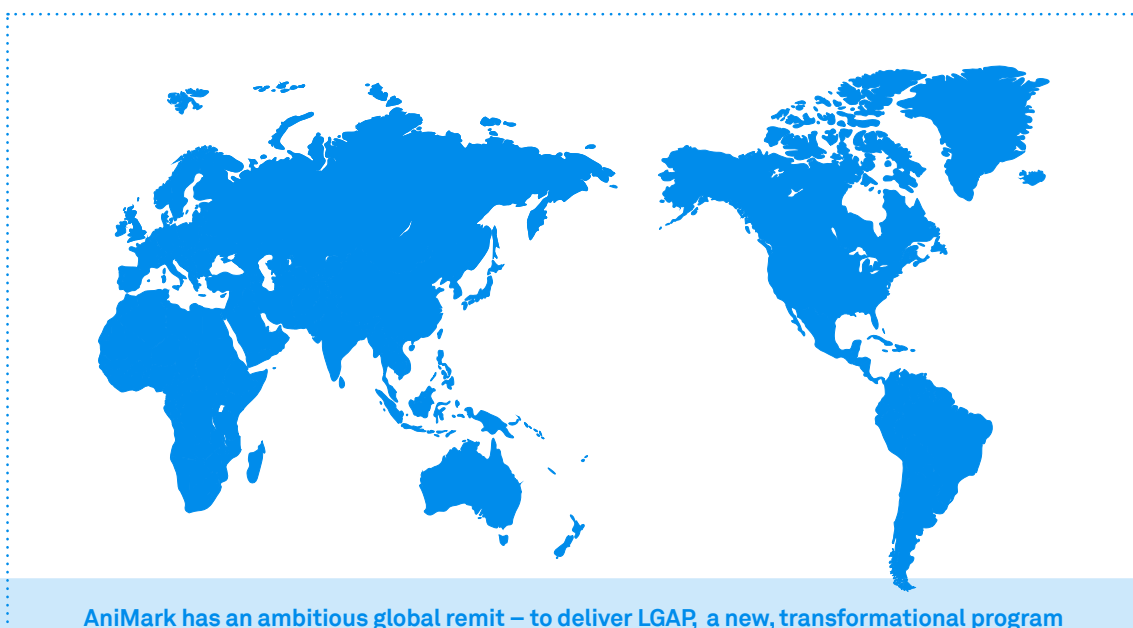
LGAP as a Regulatory Enabler

ESCAS requires livestock exporters to demonstrate compliance with four principles; animal welfare, traceability and control in the supply chain, and independent auditing.

The requirements under LGAP mirror the principles of ESCAS. This means for the majority of facilities who have demonstrated compliance with ESCAS, they will be able to demonstrate conformance with LGAP.

LGAP provides some important benefits to the regulatory framework:

- AniMark will have greater international reach throughout the supply chain compared to any sovereign government.
- Participants will operate with more direct accountability for animal welfare and management.
- LGAP strengthens impartiality in the audit process and places strict requirements on auditors.
- LGAP provides greater and more timely visibility into conformity.
- LGAP enables a facility’s certification status to be shared between supply chains which eliminates audit duplication and cost.



AniMark has an ambitious global remit – to deliver LGAP, a new, transformational program designed to foster best practice in the welfare and management of livestock.

AniMark has been established to implement the Livestock Global Assurance Program, with the support of the Australian Government.