

REMEMBER

1. **Ensure the appropriate warning labels are provided with the stock feed being sold**
2. **Prevent cross-contamination of ruminant feeds with RAM through the use of feed sequencing, flushing and thorough cleaning procedures**
3. **Do not supply RAM or feedstuffs containing RAM to anyone for feeding to ruminants**
4. **Keep records of your purchases and sales for each transaction**

How is the Ruminant Feed Ban enforced?

Your state/territory Department of Primary Industry officers carry out random inspections of producers and stock feed manufacturers to ensure compliance with legislative requirements.

Heavy penalties can apply to anyone found guilty of:

- selling stock feeds without the legislated warning label/s
- allowing cross contamination of feed stuffs for ruminants with RAM
- supplying RAM or feedstuffs containing RAM to anyone for feeding to ruminants.

For more information:

Contact your local state Department of Primary Industry representative; district veterinary officer, stock inspector or producer organisation or visit:

www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/ruminant-feed-ban

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Understanding Australia's Ruminant Feed Ban for stock feed manufacturers

Since 1996, the Australian Ruminant Feed Ban has helped prevent the establishment of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in Australia. The ban was introduced by the Australian livestock and stock feed industries and was legislated in all states and territories of Australia in 1997. The ban insures the provision of safe beef, and beef products, to international markets.

International markets seek assurances from Australia that there are appropriate measures in place to ensure that restricted animal material (RAM) is not being fed to ruminant livestock species (e.g. cattle, sheep, goats or deer). The legislation and associated policing of these provisions are aimed at providing such assurances.

Compliance with the ban will help keep BSE out of Australian livestock.

The ban means that you, as a manufacturer, must meet defined levels of operation in order to prevent contamination of ruminant feed with RAM.

RAM (Restricted Animal Material) is: meat, eggs, meat and bone meal, blood meal, poultry offal meal, feather meal, fishmeal or any other animal meals or manure.

It does not include: tallow, gelatine, milk and milk products. These products are exempt from the definition of RAM and may be used in ruminant feeds. Tallow includes used cooking oils, provided they have been treated to remove RAM and should meet the *National Standard for Recycling of Used Cooking Fats and Oils Intended for Animal Feeds*.

How can you comply with the Ruminant Feed Ban?

As a stock feed manufacturer, it is important that you understand your obligations under the Ruminant Feed Ban.

As a manufacturer of stock feed you must:

- ensure stock feed containing RAM is not deliberately sold for the purpose of feeding ruminant animals
- store RAM and stock feeds containing RAM and those for ruminants separately from each other so that cross-contamination does not occur
- ensure all stock feed (containing RAM) sold has the following warning label affixed to the bag, or if sold in bulk, on the delivery docket/invoice and meets state legislation:

**This product contains restricted animal material
DO NOT FEED TO CATTLE, SHEEP,
GOATS, DEER OR OTHER RUMINANTS.**

- ensure that all stock feed (not containing RAM) sold has a negative RAM statement on the label affixed to the bag or if sold in bulk, on the delivery docket/invoice and meets state legislation:

This product does not contain restricted animal material

- ensure that cross-contamination of ruminant stock feed does not occur after manufacturing feed containing RAM, through the use of feed sequencing, flushing and thorough cleaning procedures
- not recycle bags that contained RAM for holding ruminant feeds
- ensure that records are kept of purchases and sales of stock feed and their individual ingredients (it is encouraged that the details of any cash sales of meat and bone meal are kept for reference).

Stock feed manufacturers who incorporate used cooking oils (UCO) into their feeds should only use oils from ARA-Accredited processors.

See <https://ausmeat.com.au/links-tools/accreditationcertification-search/> and under ARA Accreditation use the search phrase "ARA R" to bring up the live list of accredited Processed UCO suppliers.

Ruminant Feed Ban – Manufacturer checklist

Complete this checklist to ensure that you are meeting the requirements of the ban.

Questions	YES	NO
1. Do you ensure that all products sold by you have the appropriate labelling as per state legislation?	☐	☐
2. Do you ensure that RAM and products that contain RAM are stored separately and securely from feed commodities that will be fed to ruminant livestock?	☐	☐
3. Do you maintain and implement cleaning, flushing and sequencing procedures that prevent cross-contamination of feed that may contain RAM with feed that does not contain RAM?	☐	☐
4. Do you maintain records that verify the stock feed does not contain RAM?	☐	☐
5. Do you maintain records of purchases and sales of stock feed or RAM?	☐	☐

If you answered NO to any of the questions (1 to 5) you are NOT complying with the requirements of the Australian Ruminant Feed Ban.

You MUST implement measures to rectify the non-compliance/s.