

AUSTRALIAN RUMINANT FEED BAN

LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS

If you are an Australian livestock producer and you feed your stock, you need to understand the Australian Ruminant Feed Ban.

RESTRICTED ANIMAL MATERIAL (RAM) IS:

meat, meat and bone meal, blood meal, eggs, poultry offal meal, feather meal, fishmeal or any other animal meals or manures.

IT DOES NOT INCLUDE:

tallow, gelatine, milk and milk products of Australian origin. 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*.

REMEMBER

1. Read the label – ensure the feed does not contain RAM
2. Thoroughly clean your machinery of all RAM to prevent cross-contamination of ruminant feeds
3. Ensure your stock do not have access to feed containing RAM
4. Keep records of your purchases and Commodity Vendor Declarations for each purchase



PRODUCER CHECKLIST

Complete this checklist and retain in your files to ensure that you are meeting the requirements of the scheme.

This checklist can be used as part of the internal audit for Industry Food Safety/Quality Assurance Programs.

QUESTIONS	YES	NO
Do you purchase feed products that may contain RAM? <i>Note: In the case of home mixers, feed products produced on the property must also be recorded.</i>	☐	☐
If the answer is Yes please proceed		
1 Do you require all feed commodities/products brought onto your farm/feedlot be accompanied by a Commodity Vendor Declaration (CVD) providing product history at time of purchase?	☐	☐
OR		
2 Do you maintain records that verify the feed commodities do not contain RAM?	☐	☐
3 Do you ensure that products that may contain RAM are stored securely and separately from feed commodities that will be fed to ruminant livestock?	☐	☐
4 Do you maintain and implement cleaning procedures that totally remove all feed residues from within the materials handling and mixing systems, preventing cross-contamination of feed containing RAM with feed destined for ruminants?	☐	☐
5 If you sell the product you mix, do you label all product in accordance with your state or territory labelling requirements?	☐	☐
6 Do you maintain records that verify questions 4 and 5 above?	☐	☐

If you answered NO to any of the questions (1 to 6) you are NOT complying with the requirements of the Australian Ruminant Feed Ban. You MUST implement measures to rectify the non-compliance/s.

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