

Organisations, regulators and their roles within the livestock export trade

Organisation	Role
<p>Australian Livestock Exporters Council (ALEC)</p> <p>Red Meat Advisory Council (RMAC)</p>	<p>The Australian Livestock Exporters' Council (ALEC) is a member-based, peak industry body representing Australia's livestock export sector. ALEC is responsible for setting industry policy, providing strategic direction and representing Australia's livestock export trade both nationally and across the world.</p> <p>ALEC is a member of the Red Meat Advisory Council (RMAC). RMAC provides leadership on cross-sectoral issues and consults with the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources on agreed whole of industry matters. RMAC is the custodian of the Red Meat Industry MOU, Meat Industry Strategic Partnership and industry reserves. It administers and uses income from the reserves to: cover peak council participation costs; coordinate maintenance of the MISIP; review and provide support to industry relationships. RMAC membership is limited to the presidents/chairs of the peak bodies representing levy payers (Cattle Council of Australia, Sheep Producers Australia, Australian Lot Feeders Association, Australian Meat Industry Council and ALEC).</p>
<p>Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited (LiveCorp)</p> <p>Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA)</p>	<p>The Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited (LiveCorp) is the declared Live-stock Export Research Body and Live-stock Export Marketing Body for the Australian livestock export industry under the <i>Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997</i> (AMLI Act).</p> <p>It is accountable to its members through its constitution and the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> and to the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources through the AMLI Act and the Funding Agreement 2017–21 for the expenditure of monies appropriated by parliament. LiveCorp provides both research and development and marketing services for the livestock export industry.</p> <p>Meat and Livestock Australia Limited (MLA) is the declared Industry Research Body and Industry Marketing Body for the meat and livestock industry under the AMLI Act.</p> <p>It is accountable to its members through its constitution and the Corporations Act 2001 and to the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources through the AMLI Act and the Funding Agreement 2016–20 for the expenditure of monies appropriated by parliament. MLA provides both research and development and marketing services for the meat and livestock industry.</p> <p>LiveCorp and MLA jointly operate the livestock export research program.</p>
<p>Department/Agency roles</p>	
<p>Department of Agriculture and Water Resources</p>	<p>The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources regulates livestock export trade and exporters in accordance with the AMLI Act and the <i>Export Control Act 1982</i>. This includes accrediting shipboard veterinarians and those preparing livestock for export, assessing premises as suitable for holding livestock intended for export and the operators of these premises. The department approves and assesses exporters' compliance with their Exporter Supply Chain Assurance Systems, and manages both the funding deed with MLA and LiveCorp, and the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock.</p>
<p>Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)</p>	<p>The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) regulates the conditions for the stowage and carriage of livestock as cargo through Marine Orders Part 43, <i>Cargo and Cargo Handling – Livestock</i> (MO43) pursuant to the <i>Commonwealth Navigation Act 2012</i>). These ship-based standards address the material requirements the vessel is required to comply with. This includes structural considerations, such as the size of pens and strength of fittings, as well as the provision of shipboard livestock services, such as ventilation, lighting, drainage and systems delivering food and water. AMSA undertakes surveys and regular inspections for the issue and maintenance of the Australian Certificate for the Carriage of Livestock (ACCL) as required by the Marine Order. A permanently equipped livestock vessel must hold an ACCL in order to load livestock.</p>