

Questions and Answers

<p>What is an LPA NVD and why are they important?</p>	<p>The LPA National Vendor Declaration (NVD) is the main document behind Australia's meat and livestock food safety reputation. It is a signed declaration that livestock entering the food chain through saleyards, feedlots, processors and live export depots are safe.</p> <p>LPA NVDs are required for any movement of stock – to processors, to saleyards or between properties.</p> <p>When an LPA NVD is signed, the producer is sharing information on livestock history and declaring compliance with all LPA requirements.</p>
<p>What is changing?</p>	<p>From 16 November 2015 only the current LPA NVD (version 0413) for Cattle, EU Cattle, Sheep and Goats can be used.</p>
<p>Why is it changing?</p>	<p>To ensure we continue to meet the export requirements of our international trade partners. Most older versions no longer provide the declarations needed for commercial and regulatory requirements. This creates confusion and inefficiency as those receiving stock attempt to obtain the required information.</p>
<p>What is different in the previous versions of the LPA NVDs from the latest version of the NVD?</p>	<p>There have been a number of changes to the order and content of the questions on the LPA NVD since the first version was issued in 2004.</p> <p>The current version of the LPA NVD (version 0413) includes a revised question that removes the need for market eligibility statements to be made on the declaration (e.g. Russian and Saudi Eligible sheep).</p>
<p>Can I still use old/pre-2013 LPA NVDs?</p>	<p>No. All LPA accredited producers must use the current LPA NVD. The current NVDs are labelled 0413 for Cattle, EU Cattle, Sheep and Goats and 0412 for bobby calves. eDECs or Emergency NVDs can be used in an emergency whilst awaiting receipt of an order for a current book.</p>

<p>How much is an LPA NVD book?</p>	<p>Hard copy LPA NVD books containing 20 forms (in triplicate) can be ordered online or via the LPA Helpdesk at a cost of \$40.00 (including GST). Electronic LPA NVDs are available at a discount of 48% compared to the price of the hard copy NVD book. To obtain electronic NVDs (eDECs), producers must purchase electronic tokens online. eDECs are available in a range of token bundle sizes (5, 10, 20, 50 or 100). One token is equivalent to one NVD and can be purchased for \$1.05 each (including GST). For example, small volume users can purchase a bundle of five (5) tokens for \$5.23 (including GST).</p>
<p>I've paid for the redundant NVD books, are you going to replace them?</p>	<p>Producers who have purchased a previous version of the LPA NVD prior to 1 July 2009 are eligible for replacement electronic NVDs (i.e. via the eDEC system) for unused forms. The eligibility criteria for replacement NVDs are prescribed in the LPA Rules.</p>
<p>What happens if I use old versions of the LPA NVD?</p>	<p>LPA accredited producers cannot use old versions of the LPA NVD. LPA accredited producers will be required to use the current LPA NVD (Cattle, EU Cattle, Sheep and Goats) for all movements from Monday, 16 November 2015. If you are not sure whether you have the current version (0413), check with your agent and processor who can help you confirm this. eDECs or Emergency NVDs can be used in an emergency whilst awaiting receipt of an order for a current book.</p>
<p>When do older versions of the LPA NVD become invalid?</p>	<p>Old LPA NVDs become invalid on Monday, November 16, 2015. All versions of the LPA NVD are valid until this date although many processors already only accept the current version.</p>
<p>What happens if I've got stock in the saleyards and I use the old NVDs?</p>	<p>Old LPA NVDs are still valid until Monday, November 16. If you have already purchased eDECs, you do not need to take any further action as users of the eDEC system will always be using the most up to date version.</p>
<p>Have you consulted with producers in making this decision?</p>	<p>Yes. Industry representatives, including producer representatives, have worked together to make this change.</p>

Who is SAFEMEAT?	SAFEMEAT is a partnership between the red meat and livestock industry and the state and federal governments of Australia. This partnership ensures that Australian red meat and livestock products achieve the highest standards of safety and hygiene from the farm to the consumer.
What do I need to do?	<p>From 16 November 2015, all LPA accredited producers will need to use the current LPA NVD (Cattle, EU Cattle, Sheep and Goats) for all movements.</p> <p>If you have the current version (0413), you do not need to do anything.</p> <p>If you do not already have the current version, you can either go online:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use e-DECs http://lpa.ausmeat.com.au 2. Order new NVD booklets online http://lpa.ausmeat.com.au <p>Or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Return a completed order form for a new NVD book via the reply paid envelope 4. Call the LPA help desk 1800 683 111. If using this service, there may be longer than normal wait times during peak periods.
What do I do with old books?	Books that have been partially used must be retained for your business purposes. Books that have not been used can be disposed of.
Where can I find out more information?	Producers are encouraged to contact their livestock buyers about requirements for LPA NVD forms.
Why is there the need for changes to NVDs?	SAFEMEAT encourages the ongoing use of nationally consistent LPA NVDs that are up to date and relevant to the information needs of our international trading partners – more than 120 countries. Periodic updates to the LPA NVD are required as market requirements and other relevant circumstances change.
Why do I need to pay for NVDs?	LPA provides an assurance to customers of the safety of red meat grown on Australian farms. The LPA NVD is an integral part of securing our export markets. LPA accredited producers contribute to the funding of the LPA program through the cost of a booklet/electronic LPA NVD to maintain this crucial avenue.

<p>How long will it take to receive a new LPA NVD book if I order one today?</p>	<p>From the date of receipt of payment, LPA NVDs should be received within a period of 28 days. Whilst NVDs are printed within a few days of payment actual receipt of the books are subject to the Australia Post distribution system.</p>
<p>Is it true electronic NVDs are being developed to replace the paper-based system?</p>	<p>SAFEMEAT is sponsoring the development of fully electronic options which will allow the direct transmission of consignment details and declarations using smartphones, tablets and PCs. This option is expected to be available on a voluntary basis in 2016. Paper based NVDs in booklet form will still be available.</p>
<p>How can I purchase new NVD forms?</p>	<p>1. Use eDECs: http://lpa.ausmeat.com.au</p> <p>2. Order new NVD booklets online http://lpa.ausmeat.com.au</p> <p>3. Return a completed order form for a new NVD book via the reply paid envelope</p> <p>4. Call the LPA help desk 1800 683 111. If using this service, there may be longer than normal wait times during peak periods.</p>
<p>What form should I use for bobby calves?</p>	<p>The 0412 Bobby Calf NVD is the most recent version and remains valid.</p>
<p>Are there any plans to change the current 0413 versions?</p>	<p>The 0413 version reflects current market requirements. At this time, SAFEMEAT is unaware of likely changes.</p> <p>Should this change, SAFEMEAT will work quickly to ensure Australian red meat's reputation is upheld, and can continue to be sold into more than 120 markets internationally. SAFEMEAT will also work to ensure the system is as easy and cost-efficient as possible for producers.</p>