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**TO: ALL LICENCED MEAT EXPORTERS  
MANAGEMENTS OF ALL AUS-MEAT ACCREDITED ENTERPRISES**

**ATTENTION: Officer in Charge AUS-MEAT Standards:**

### **COMPUTER BASED CORRELATION and PRACTICE SYSTEM**

The AUS-MEAT Chiller Assessment Program is underpinned by an Approved Quality System independently audited by AUS-MEAT or other recognised agents. The integrity of the Chiller Assessment program is based upon:

- training, qualification and currency status of Chiller Assessors;
- correct use of the Chiller Assessment language and procedures for assessment;
- Maintenance and correct use of Chiller Assessment equipment;
- A regular cycle of Chiller Assessment Correlations.

OsCap positions Australia as having the only carcase grading system which has Assessors correlated against an **objective** computer calculated standard.

### **REVISED VERSION OF THE COMPUTER BASED CORRELATION SYSTEM (OsCap)**

AUS-MEAT has developed a new Version of the Computer Based Correlation System OsCap.

OsCap MK4 will replace the current OsCap MK3 for internal and external correlation processes which are required for Chiller Assessment and MSA Grading.

Where a lessee of an OsCap installation has selected the "Unlimited user" option they will now be provided with two OsCap MK4 units to facilitate simultaneous correlations.

The New OsCap MK4 will shortly be commercially available to Industry through a new lease arrangement.

To obtain an OsCap MK4 System, please return a completed lease agreement and pre-installation checklist to AUS-MEAT. These documents are available in the Members Area of the AUS-MEAT website. Plants on the current OsCap MK3 will be required to download this lease agreement and forward the completed document to AUS-MEAT Limited.

### **OsCap 4 Installation Requirements**

The MK4 System uses new hardware and software and requires a broadband internet connection. Where the "Unlimited users" option is selected, the system will require the availability of two internet connections.

Please Note: There is NO option for Dial-up connectivity for the OsCap MK4 system.

## **NEW FUNCTIONALITY**

For QA officers and OsCap Administrators:

OsCap MK4 includes a web based Administration System, so that Administration tasks are able to be completed from any computer which has access to the internet.

OsCap web based Administration system includes analysis tools to compare Assessors accuracy or to demonstrate individual Assessor capability.

For Assessors and Graders:

The OsCap MK4 unit has enhanced in-test controls and has much faster between-test processes.

## **IMPLEMENTATION DATE**

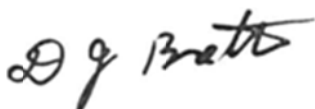
Action: Plants which currently lease OsCap MK3, will need to upgrade to OsCap MK4 to continue to have access to Chiller Assessment Correlations.

The New OsCap MK4 system will be run concurrently with Oscar MK3 until 01/08/2014.

Correlations performed on OsCap MK3 units will not be recognised after this date or after the installation of a MK4 unit, whichever is the sooner.

After installation of OsCap MK4 nationally all Enterprises, private contractors and other companies using the AUS-MEAT Chiller Assessment Program will only be able to complete correlations using the OsCap MK4 system. Companies that require the OsCap MK4 system should begin the procurement process well before the full implementation date.

Further information including the costs of the OsCap lease arrangements is now available by contacting AUS-MEAT Limited: 07 3361 9200, email [ausmeat@ausmeat.com.au](mailto:ausmeat@ausmeat.com.au) or visiting our website at <http://www.ausmeat.com.au/>



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**Previous References: Advice 05/05**