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

ATTENTION: Officer in Charge AUS-MEAT Standards:

AUS-MEAT LANGUAGE CHANGES – BEEF ALTERNATIVE CATEGORIES

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Advice is to inform Accredited Enterprises that the changes to the dentition criteria for the Alternative Beef Categories Young Beef *YG* and Young Steer *YGS* as detailed in **AUS-MEAT Advice 2/10**, have been reviewed and subsequent to this review process **have now been revoked**.

BACKGROUND

The Australian Meat Industry Language and Standards Committee (AMILSC) have reviewed substantial scientific and market research and after full Industry consultation and agreement have revoked the changes to the AUS-MEAT alternative category dentition requirements and any subsequent approved process as detailed in AUS-MEAT Advice 2/10. The dentition assessment requirements for the *YG* and *YGS* categories will revert back and remain as they are shown in the AUS-MEAT Language i.e. *no more than two (2) permanent incisor teeth*.

<p>YOUNG STEER *YGS*</p>	<p>Castrate or entire male bovine that: - Has no more than two (2) permanent incisor teeth; - Shows no SSC</p>
<p>YOUNG BEEF *YG*</p>	<p>Female or Castrate or entire male bovine that: - Has no more than two (2) permanent incisor teeth; - Shows no SSC</p>

Date of Implementation

All Approved programs relevant to AUS-MEAT Advice 2/10 are now revoked and the changes to the Beef Alternative Categories as shown in the above table must be implemented immediately upon receipt of this Notice.

Further information specifically relating to labelling of retail product using the domestic Beef Retail Classifications will be outlined in separate notices.

Further enquiries on the Beef Alternative Category changes contact AUS-MEAT Limited Ph (07) 3361 9200, Fax (07) 3361 9222, e-mail ausmeat@ausmeat.com.au .

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Previous References: AUS-MEAT Advice(s) 02/10