



EU QUOTA (HIGH QUALITY BEEF) - VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS		
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this advice is to inform AUS-MEAT Accredited Enterprises of the verification requirements of the two EU Quotas where Certificates of Authenticity are issued by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (The Department).

BACKGROUND

Australian beef exports to the EU are mainly shipped under two major quotas:

- EU 593 / 2013 High Quality Beef (commonly referred to as the Hilton quota)
- EU 481 / 2012 – Grain Fed High Quality Beef (GF-HQB)

EU Beef Labelling requirements are detailed in

- EU 1760 / 2000 Beef Labelling

Copies of the EU regulations are provided on the EUR-Lex European Union Law website:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html>

IMPLEMENTATION

Continuing Verification audits of both the Hilton quota and the Grain Fed (GF- HQB) quota will be completed to ensure ongoing compliance with the EU Quota regulations. Areas that will be covered within the company Quality Management System (QMS):

Quality Management System

- Approved EUCAS program covering the source, supply, identification and traceability of EU eligible Cattle
- Relevant Quota regulations
- Export documentation including piece count reconciliation
- Certificates of Authenticity

Slaughter Floor

- Relevant Quota regulation requirements e.g. Dentition, Maturity, P8 Fat Depth

Chiller Assessment

- Relevant Quota regulation requirements
- Chiller Assessment including Assessor Currency and OSCAP correlation

Boning Room and Loadout

- Relevant Quota regulation requirements
- Labelling requirements in accordance with EU 1760 / 2000

EU RELEVANT QUOTA REGULATION REQUIREMENTS

EU High Quality Beef (Hilton)

Category:	Maximum 4 permanent incisor teeth – Y, YS, YG, YGS, YP, YPS
Meat Colour Score	MC: 1B – 4
Fat Colour Score	FC: 0 - 4
Fat Cover:	AUS-MEAT Fat Classes 2 – 5 (over 2mm up to 32 mm at P8 Site)
Preparation:	Revised EU procedures must be complied with (refer MCoR)
Labelling	May be identified as HIGH QUALITY BEEF, all other labelling to be fully EU compliant
Certification	Certificate of Authenticity issued by The Department

EU Grain Fed High Quality Beef (GF-HQB)

Details of the Quota regulation requirements are provided in:

AUS-MEAT Advice

[AUS-MEAT 01/2010](#)

AUS-MEAT NFAS Advices / Circulars

NFAS 01/2010 (now obsolete)

[NFAS EU HQB 01/2016](#)

Enterprises are reminded of the EU Product Integrity and Certification Requirements:

[Meat Notice 2014-01](#)

[EU Carcase Evaluation Services](#)

If you have any queries on the verification requirements for either of the EU Quota regulations contact AUS-MEAT Ltd Ph (07) 3361 9200, Fax (07) 3361 9222, e-mail ausmeat@ausmeat.com.au .

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