



YEARLING SHEEP MEAT		
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PURPOSE

The Australian Meat Industry Language and Standards Committee (AMILSC) has been requested to confirm the availability of an optional generic description: **YEARLING SHEEP MEAT** for the Ovine alternative Category HOGGET *H*.

Whilst the previous description of YEARLING MUTTON had been part of the AUS-MEAT Language for many years, the Sheepmeat industry taskforce has identified a program for the successful definition and marketing of a yearling product underpinned by Meat Standards Australia (MSA).

ALTERNATIVE CATEGORY

The optional generic description can only be used when labelling product from the alternative Category Hogget.

The alternative Category cipher *H* may still be used within the trade description when using the Yearling Sheep Meat description.

HOGGET

DENTITION	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY / CIPHER
1-2	Carcase is derived from female or castrate male ovine that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has 1 but no more than 2 permanent incisor teeth - In male has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC) 	HOGGET or YEARLING MUTTON or YEARLING SHEEP MEAT *H*

IMPORTING COUNTRY REQUIREMENTS

Whilst preliminary use of the Yearling Sheep Meat description has been targeted at the US Market, other overseas markets may also be considered. However, Processors, Packers and Exporters should ensure they confirm acceptable use of the alternative description for any potential market before commencing production.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) have cautioned use of this description for some of the more sensitive markets.

LABELLING

The description YEARLING SHEEP MEAT can be used, where the words SHEEP MEAT must be shown as two words to comply with Trade Description requirements of the *Export Control (Meat and Meat Products) Orders 2005*.

Two sample labels are shown below:



Label 1: Product Description cut name (Leg Chump Off) Shown in clear

Label 2: Alternative Category and Product Description cut name (Rack) both shown in cipher form.

If you have any queries on the Sheep Meat description above, please contact AUS-MEAT on Tel (07) 3361 9200 or Email: ausmeat@ausmeat.com.au.

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