

# Recognition of third party programs

*An AUS-MEAT perspective*

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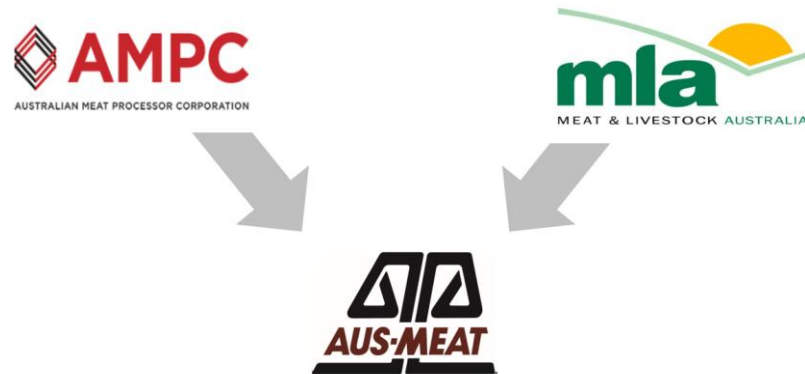


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# AUS-MEAT – History



- Established in 1987 as national **industry-owned** organization as a result of **meat substitution scandals** in the mid 1980's.
- Industry restructure in 1998 resulted in **50:50 partnership** between **producers** and **processors**.



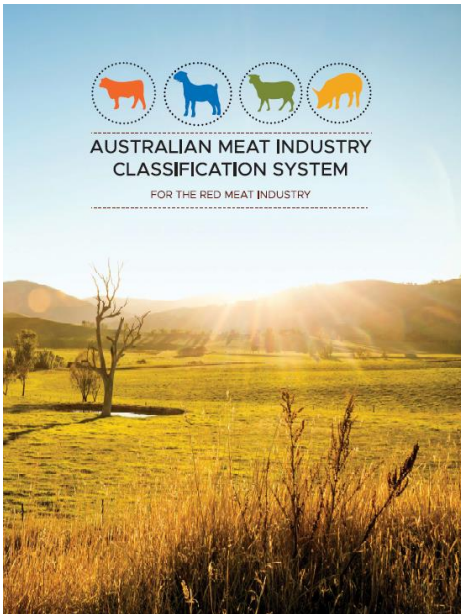
- Formed as a **not-for-profit** organisation (includes subsidiary AUS-QUAL).
- Core responsibility = **establishment and maintenance of a universal, uniform trading language** for meat and livestock.
- **Role** = move from inspectorial processes to **QMS** (culture).

# The Organisation Today



- Provides **auditing and certification** services (70 + programs) in **Australia and New Zealand**.
- Services a **broad range of sectors** and supply chains.
- Services includes **food safety, animal welfare, biosecurity** and **social accountability**.
- **Quality Management System** certified to **ISO 9001:2015**.
- **Certified programs** delivered under **JAS-ANZ**.
- **Primary objective** remains the **management of trade description requirements** and **industry standards**.

# Role in Australian Meat & Livestock Industry



- Cited as '**Standards Body**' (Regulation 3(1)) of Export Licensing Regulations.
- Under legislation **role is to attest to competency of entities** exporting meat.
- **Trade Description** (defined in *Export Control (Meat and Meat Products) Orders 2005*) must be in accordance with the ***Australian Meat Industry Classification System***.
- AUS-MEAT has **day-to day responsibility for trade description** in Accredited Establishments.
- Designated functions conducted under **formal arrangement (LoE)** with Commonwealth.

# Experience Working with Government



- AUS-MEAT/AUS-QUAL reports to Government (Commonwealth and State) directly and indirectly on a range of different industry quality assurance schemes.

Program	Scope	Role
AUS-MEAT Accreditation	Trade Description	#
Non-Packer Exporter (NPE)	Trade Description	#
National Feedlot Accreditation Scheme (NFAS)	Food Safety, Animal Welfare, Environment, Product Integrity	#
Australian Rendering Association (ARA)	Food Safety	^
Australian Animal Welfare Certification System (AAWCS)	Animal Welfare	^
EUCAS	EU Market Access	^
EU GF HQB	EU Market Access	^
Organics	Organic Standards	CB
NRS Target Audits	Food Safety	^

Legend: # Scheme Owner, ^ Service Provider, CB - Certification Body

- Role varies - program owner, certification body, service provider.

# AUS-MEAT Accreditation – Overview

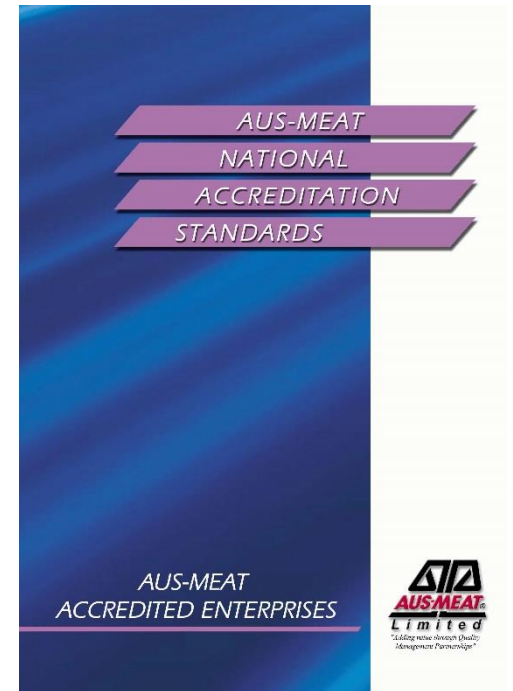


- Experience working with government relates to **trade description** however the principles and benefits of co-regulatory approach the same.
- Model created in recognition that QMS provide a platform to **drive for cultural change**.
- **100% of export** processing establishments subject to arrangement.
- Formal **arrangements align** to the principles, roles and responsibilities in the draft guidelines under consideration.

# AUS-MEAT Accreditation – Key Features



- Prescribed policies and procedures for managing audits and auditor competency.
- Audit frequency based on performance.
- Governance:
  - *Australian Meat Industry Language and Standards Committee (AMILSC).*
  - Audit findings reported through AMILSC.
  - Annual oversight of arrangements by DAWR.
- AUS-MEAT activities complementary to that of government as competent authority.



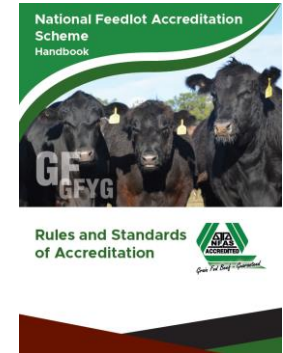


# Regulatory / Customer Recognition - Examples



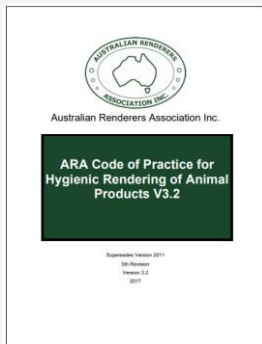
## NFAS (intensive livestock)

- Scope : food safety, animal welfare, environment & product integrity.
- Governance - Co-regulatory.
- Recognition of environmental (QLD & VIC) & livestock management credentials (VIC).
- MoU with State Government – compliance & joint inspections.



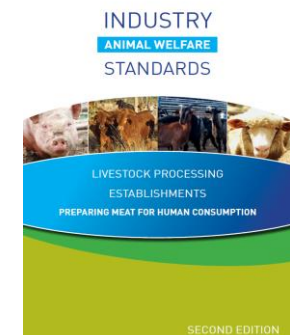
## ARA (rendering)

- Scope: food safety.
- Arrangements underpinned by Letter of Exchange (LoE) - ARA and DAWR.
- AUS-MEAT delivers auditing services under MoU with ARA.



## AAWCS (animal welfare livestock processing)

- Scope: animal welfare.
- Governance – AMILSC.
- Reduced duplication in animal welfare audit requirements.
- Prescribed reporting of potential export legislative breaches.



# Harmonisation – Retailers/International



## Retailers

- The arrangements in the draft *Principles and Guidelines* document mirror those currently operating within the Australian supermarket retailer space (GFSI +).



## Fresh Produce Area

- Harmonised Australian Retailer Produce Scheme (HARPS)
- Retailer-led scheme
- Goal to streamline audits / reduce audit costs for fresh produce suppliers

## North American

- USA Food manufacturing customers (18) accepting single audit activity for key food safety, animal welfare and specified risk material.
- One audit, common report, various reporting pathways.

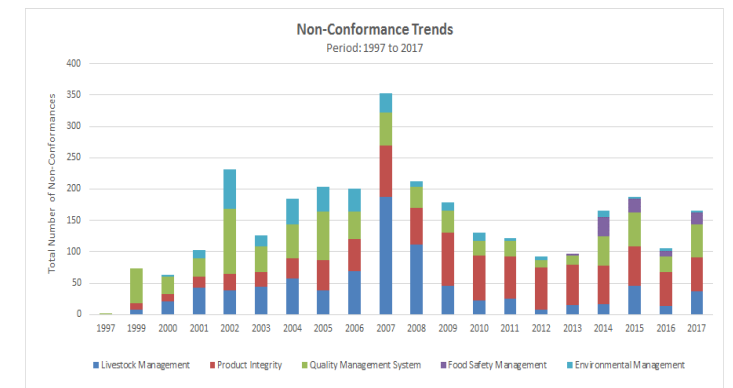
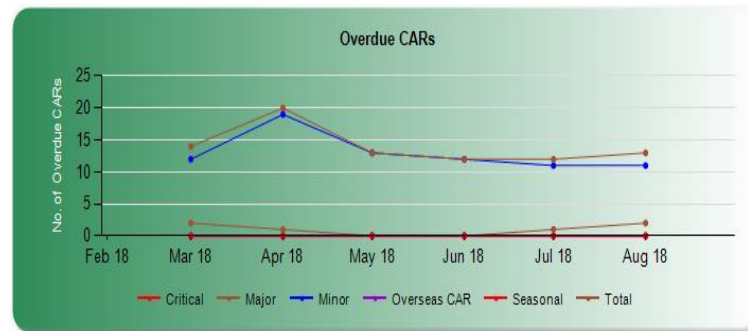
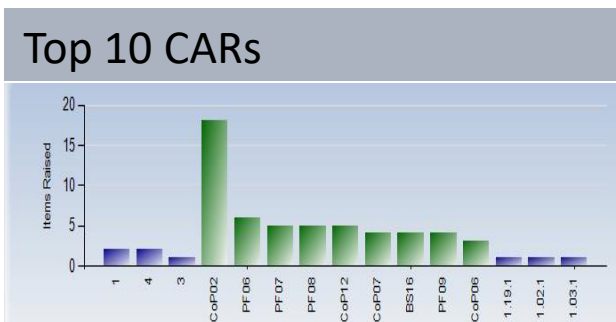
# Compliance Data Analysis



- Large quantities of data collected by CBs for reporting.
  - **Simple Reporting**
    - date, site, compliance / non-compliance
  - **Comprehensive Reporting**
    - individual or aggregate data
    - non-conformance trending
    - analysis by production type / regional areas etc
  - Accreditation cycle stage management
- Mechanisms for **monitoring performance** of CBs and program participants.

	Area	Element-1	Element-2	Element-3	Element-4	Element-5	Total	% of Non-conformance	NCs per Audit
September-2018	Observations	0	8	7	1	4	20	38.46%	0.38
	Major	7	4	3	0	18	32	61.54%	0.62
	Critical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00
	Total	7	12	10	1	22	52	100.00%	1.00
	% of Audits	13.46%	23.08%	19.23%	1.92%	42.31%	100.00%		
FYTD 2018/2019	Observations	1	15	8	1	19	44	40.74%	0.30
	Major	12	11	8	0	33	64	59.26%	0.44
	Critical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00
	Total	13	26	16	1	52	108	100.00%	0.74
	% of Audits	8.90%	17.81%	10.96%	0.68%	35.62%	73.97%		
Total All Audits	Observations	1,078	7,610	5,224	136	4,950	18,998	77.08%	0.89
	Major	644	1,437	930	40	2,589	5,640	22.88%	0.27
	Critical	4	1	0	0	4	9	0.04%	0.00
	Total	1,726	9,048	6,154	176	7,543	24,647	100.00%	1.16
	% of Audits	8.12%	42.58%	28.96%	0.83%	35.49%	115.98%		

Stage: Post Audit	
a. Audits Not Received	24
b. Audits With Open Cars	12
c. External Cars Open	32
d. Audits With Due Cars	2
e. Audits With Overdue Cars	9



# NCR Management / Reporting



- **Follow-up is essential.**
- **Non-Conformance Management Systems**
  - e.g. automated reminders.
- **Routine reporting** to scheme owners – directly or via industry Committees.
- **Critical issue reporting** - prescribed timeframes for owners and/or government agencies.
- **Timeliness of reporting** information is important:
  - Utilisation of **online systems** (web portal) for provision of real time **access** to key information by **stakeholders**.
- Overall program **trend analysis** and **sharing** provides **focus** for stakeholders and auditors.

Step 1 - Select a report

Reports		
Report	Number of items	Display Template
CAR Reminder 1	86	Display
CAR Reminder 2	87	Display
CAR Reminder 3	6	Display
Audit Reminder - No Show	0	Display
Audit Reminder Follow Up	2	Display

# In Closing



- **Model** for recognition of third party audited programs **proven**.
- **Encourage supply chain** to adopt QMS:
  - provides business framework for individual food business - food safety management is only one component
  - provides access to customers (not just market access)
- Participation and recognition will **drive change and culture**.
- Arrangements **support increased expectation of customers** with respect to oversight **without impacting regulatory resources**.
- **Information sharing** = reduced regulatory cost, efficient use of resources and further enhances value proposition of such programs.
- AUS-MEAT is an **advocate** for **third party auditing** arrangements.

