

An accreditation can only be issued in the name of an individual or an incorporated body (an ACN registered company).

## Meat Food Safety Scheme **Application Guide**

### Do I have to be accredited under the meat and meat products food safety scheme?

If you are proposing to undertake primary production or processing activities in relation to meat you need to apply for accreditation under the Meat and Meat Products Scheme (the Meat Scheme). The following categories of businesses are covered by the Scheme:

- Abattoirs
- Meat Processing Facilities
- Retail Butcher Shops
- Rendering Plants
- Game Processing Facilities
- Meat Transport Vehicle

### What type of accreditation do I need?

The Meat and Meat Products Scheme provides for the following categories of accreditation:

- Cold Store
- Exporter
- Field Depot
- Mobile Field Depot
- Processor
- Retailer
- Transporter
- Wild Game Harvester

The following is a guide to the type of accreditation you may need to cover your meat activities. If you undertake multiple activities you may require more than one accreditation.

#### **Processor**

You need this accreditation if you are processing meat in any way. Processing includes slaughtering animals to produce meat or meat products. Processing meat or meat products includes chilling, curing, drying, freezing, packaging or smoking the meat or meat products.

#### **Cold Store**

## What type of accreditation do I need?

You need this accreditation if you are storing meat under refrigeration to extend the storage life of the product, but are not involved in any form of processing of the product.

### Retailer

You need this accreditation if you are processing meat or meat products and you predominately supply meat from retail premises. For example, butcher shops and supermarkets.

### Field Depot

You need this accreditation if you use a premise for refrigerating and storing of wild game but do not process it.

### Mobile Field Depot

You need this accreditation if you refrigerate and transport wild game carcasses to a field depot or processor. Mobile Field Depot's must be fitted with suitable equipment to monitor locations of time and temperature. Details of these requirements are available from SFPQ.

### Transporter

You need this accreditation if you transport chilled meat or meat products between any premises (including to the back dock of a retail outlet, manufacturer or a commercial user who prepares meat and meat products).

### Wild game harvester

You need this accreditation if you wild animals for meat such as macropods or wild boar for supply to a wild game meat processor.

#### *Information for wild boar harvesters*

It is a requirement when applying for an accreditation to harvest wild game that the applicant provide evidence of holding the necessary DERM licence to field harvest macropods. In situations where applicants wish to **ONLY** harvest wild boar, the following requirements will apply:

- An Application Form needs to be completed and the fees paid to SFPQ
- A management statement needs to be completed, signed and submitted by the applicant to SFPQ
- A statement needs to be submitted, either as part of the management statement or separately, indicating that the applicant will only harvest wild boar. This statement needs to be signed by the applicant and a witness.
- The accreditation will be granted by SFPQ subject to a condition that the holder of accreditation will only be authorised to harvest wild boar.

## Exporting

If you hold an export registration with AQIS you must be accredited with SFPQ for processing of meat to comply with Queensland law.

Please note: You will also be required to submit a Food Safety Program or Management Statement.

## Food safety program or management statement

Every application for accreditation, under the Meat Scheme, needs to be accompanied by either a Food Safety Program (FSP) or Management Statement (MS). This includes those businesses that also hold an export registration.

Generally, processing activities require an FSP and other activities can be incorporated under a MS.

An FSP or MS needs to outline all the activities you propose to undertake. SFPQ will assess your FSP or MS against the requirements of the Meat Scheme prior to issuing an accreditation.

If you are unsure of your obligations in this regard, please contact SFPQ for advice.

## Need help?

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