

New electronic waybill reaps benefits for livestock owners

Livestock owners can now take advantage of the [new electronic waybill](#) available online.

The electronic waybill provides a range of benefits to livestock owners including:

- increased accessibility
- cost savings
- electronic filing of movement records.

Waybills are primarily used as a record of movement and can be used to trace stock in the event of a disease outbreak or emergency incident. All travelling livestock (alpaca, buffalo, camels, cattle, deer, goats, guanacos, llamas, pigs, sheep and vicunas) must be accompanied by a waybill or an equivalent document, such as a National Vendor Declaration (NVD)/waybill, PigPass or interstate travelling stock statement.

Horses must be accompanied by a waybill when moving out of a cattle tick infected zone, when there is a change in ownership (including sending a horse to slaughter) and when a travel permit has been issued for the movement. Horses moving within the same tick zone in Queensland and not changing ownership do not require a waybill.

The owner, an authorised agent of the owner or the occupier of the place where the livestock are kept must complete a waybill before stock is moved. A copy of the waybill must be retained by all involved parties for two years.

It is important to note that producers under the Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) still require the NVD/waybill to maintain LPA accreditation. This is an industry requirement for livestock sales

While the electronic waybill can be accessed and completed by all livestock owners, those with an Australian Business Number (ABN) can open a free [Australian Business Account \(ABA\)](#) and receive additional benefits including pre-filled forms, storing and tracking waybills through their online account and transferring forms to other parties electronically. All livestock owners with internet access and an ABN are urged to take advantage of the new online system.

Hard-copy waybills will continue to be available from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Customer Service Centre by calling 13 25 23 or local Biosecurity Queensland offices.

More information about the new electronic waybill is available on the [Biosecurity Queensland website](#).