

SUMMARY OF COVID-19 BORDER CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS IN AUSTRALIAN STATES AND TERRITORIES FOR RED MEAT AND LIVESTOCK

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This is a snapshot of current advise only. With the current COVID-19 Hotspot situation arising in Victoria, border restrictions have been changing rapidly and may continue to do so based on further health advice. Members of the industry experiencing issues are encouraged to contact and escalate to their Peak Industry Council. Note: this document is subject to change and updated regularly.

| State/Territory | Overall | Agriculture and Food |
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| Federal | <p>Victoria has had a number of COVID-19 hotspots arise and as such specific restrictions are in place for these across jurisdictions. Please see individual jurisdictions details below for more information.</p> <p>Steps to ease COVID-19 restrictions have been slowly occurring since May 2020. There have been differences in the virus spread in different parts of the country. This has meant varied restrictions remain in place dependent on local circumstances.</p> <p>The National Cabinet agreed on a 3-step plan to remove baseline restrictions. Under this plan, each state and territory government will decide which restrictions can be eased when, taking into account their local circumstances, meaning states and territories may move at different speeds.</p> <p>It is likely some restrictions, on things like international travel and mass gatherings, will remain necessary.</p> | <p>Agriculture Minister, David Littleproud confirmed food production and supply was an essential service, meaning state imposed border restrictions will not affect agricultural supply chains.</p> <p>Each State/Territory is in various states of individual border controls.</p> <p>Each state jurisdiction have indicated that all components of our supply chain (including inputs such as feed, feed inputs, vet products, professional services to producers, livestock, meat transportation Etc) can continue to trade across borders.</p> <p>Exporters of high-value agricultural products can register their interest in accessing airfreight export opportunities under the International Freight Assistance Mechanism here. The Mechanism will continue until the end of the year.</p> <p>The Australian Government together with Food Standards Australian & New Zealand recently confirmed there is no evidence that Covid-19 is transmitted through food or food packaging.</p> |



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| | <p>Australia's borders remain closed to everyone except for Australian residents, citizens and their family members. Effective from 6.00PM or 1800 AWST Friday, 20 March 2020.</p> | |
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| <p>ACT</p> | <p>Continue to remain open with the exception of anyone entering the ACT from Victoria.</p> <p>From 12:01am on Wednesday 8 July 2020 the ACT will be closing its border for anyone travelling into the ACT from Victoria, unless they have an exemption to enter.</p> <p>Further details on exemptions, special conditions for essential services and other matters will be available here soon.</p> | <p>NA.</p> | <p>Freight of food will continue in the ACT.</p> | <p>Further details on exemptions, special conditions for essential services and other matters will be available here soon.</p> <p>If you have an exceptional need to travel to the ACT, you will need to apply for an exemption at least 48 hours (wherever possible) before your intended travel date. Persons entering the ACT without an exemption will be denied entry.</p> <p>Exemptions will be granted only in exceptional circumstances, such as undertaking essential services work (to be assessed)</p> <p>Exemption requests can be submitted to COVID.Exemptions@act.gov.au, and need to have the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An explanation of your need to travel to the ACT • Name • Date of birth • Home address • Phone number • Email • Travel details (flight number, by car etc) • Date of entry to ACT • Details of how long you intend to stay in the ACT ** • Date last in Victoria • Name and address of where you plan to stay in the ACT. |
| <p>New South Wales</p> | <p>From 12.01am Wednesday, 8 July NSW will temporarily shut its border with Victoria.</p> <p>If you're travelling from Victoria to NSW from 12.01am on Wednesday 8 July, you must have a valid COVID-19 NSW border declaration permit (available soon).</p> | <p>Included in ongoing cross border operations.</p> | <p>Included in ongoing cross border operations.</p> | <p>A NSW Public Health Amendment Order has been put in place for the Greater Melbourne region.</p> <p>The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has activated a specialist Primary Industries Liaison Team and launched an online resource to deal with any agricultural inquiries.</p> |

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| | <p>Only permit holders, emergency services workers, freight drivers and returning travellers will be able to cross into New South Wales from Victoria.</p> <p>Delays and disruptions are expected at border crossings between NSW and Victoria for at least 72 hours. Please plan for these when commencing any border crossing journey between the two states.</p> | | | <p>Email: covidinfo@dpi.nsw.gov.au for industry COVID-19 related enquiries</p> <p>Details on permits, special conditions for freight operations and other essential services, and provisions for residents of border regions will be available on the Service NSW website.</p> <p>Producers and employees with cross-border travel scheduled are reminded to always carry evidence of their home address, employment and of their need to travel for the purpose of primary production and supply chain.</p> |
| <p>Northern Territory</p> | <p>Strict border controls continue to apply into the Northern Territory.</p> <p>Self-isolation is required for 14 days upon arrival, with penalties for those who do not comply.</p> <p>Everyone arriving in the NT from interstate before 17 July must complete 14 days of self-quarantine, unless you meet strict exemption criteria</p> <p>This will not affect lawful trade or commerce, essential activities will not be impacted, and those providing goods and essential services will be exempt.</p> <p>Transport, freight and logistics are exempt, this includes livestock, beef production and transport of beef interstate and to ships – industry has been advised of the exemption.</p> <p>The NT will open its borders on July 17, except</p> | <p>Exemption applies – please see Guidelines</p> | <p>Exemption applies – Please see Guidelines</p> | <p>Everyone arriving in the NT from interstate before 17 July must complete 14 days of self-quarantine, unless you meet strict exemption criteria</p> <p>Exempt people:</p> <p>A person providing services for transport or freight of goods Any person providing services for the transport or freight of goods and related logistics into, within or out of the Territory.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These people must submit an application and have a letter signed by the Chief Health Officer (or their delegate) outlining the conditions under which they can enter the NT and work. • Truck drivers must practise social distancing measures for 14 days after arriving in the Territory. • They may stay in their truck or a hotel if staying overnight. • Train crew should remain on the train. <p>A specialist providing services for industry or business A specialist who is required to enter the Territory to provide services for the continuity of industry or business and the maintenance of competitive operations.</p> |

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| | <p>people who live in COVID-19 hotspots will have to self-isolate for 14 days, at their own cost, upon arrival.</p> | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These people must submit an exemption application and have a letter signed by the Chief Health Officer (or their delegate) outlining the conditions under which they can enter the NT and work. • An assessment will be made to determine if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the specialist's skills are difficult to obtain in the Territory ○ the service must be provided without delay ○ the specialist must be physically present in the Territory to provide the service and ○ the specialist practises social distancing measures while in the Territory • These people may be required to work under a COVID-19 management plan. <p>If you consider you are eligible for an exemption, you should fill in your application form as soon as possible to avoid delays.</p> <p>Truck drivers are an exception to this as they must quarantine in their truck or a hotel.</p> |
| <p>South Australia</p> | <p>A pre-approval process is in place for travellers wishing to enter South Australia. A Cross Border Travel Registration should be completed at least 3 days before you leave.</p> <p>If you are planning travel to SA, aim to complete the Cross Border Travel Registration at least three days before you leave, regardless of where your travel begins.</p> <p>Those wanting to apply for an Essential Traveller status will need a letter confirming why they are seeking this status (e.g. from employer).</p> | <p>Exempt</p> | <p>Exempt</p> | <p>SA Cross Border Travel Directive</p> <p>Exceptions have been made for all freight (food, livestock, inputs) and skilled/ critical workforce.</p> <p>There are two schedules of Essential Travellers relevant to the red meat industry:</p> <p>Schedule 1 <i>Transport and freight services</i> Persons who, in the conduct of their duties, provide transport or freight services into, within and out of South Australia (including any crew on such transport or freight services) and</p> |

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| | <p>Your registration will be assessed to determine whether you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • able to travel without restriction (including people arriving directly from NT, QLD, TAS and WA) • required to self-quarantine on arrival for 14 days (including people arriving directly from ACT, NSW and VIC) • an essential traveller, with or without self-quarantine restrictions <p>You will be notified by email of your status within 72 hours and given a unique number. You will need to produce this number when crossing the border.</p> <p>Those unable to complete registration before crossing the border will be assisted by police and given an 'interim status' while registration is being assessed.</p> | | | <p>are required to be physically present in South Australia for such purposes.</p> <p>Schedule 2 <i>Essential skills (industries and businesses)</i> Specialists required for industry or business continuity and maintenance of competitive operations where the appropriate skills are not available in South Australia, where the service is time critical and where the provision of the service requires that the person be physically present in South Australia.</p> |
| <p>Tasmania</p> | <p>Strict border restrictions continue to be in place for those entering Tasmania.</p> <p>All non-essential travellers departing for/arriving in Tasmania will be required to quarantine for 14 days.</p> <p>All interstate and international visitors to Tasmania must complete a Tasmanian Arrivals Form. This can be completed online before arriving in Tasmania or upon arrival at terminals in Tasmania.</p> | <p>Freight will continue to come in and out of Tasmania, with TT-Line having capacity to carry extra freight</p> | <p>Freight will continue to come in and out of Tasmania, with TT-Line having capacity to carry extra freight</p> | <p>Tasmanian border restrictions advisory All travellers coming to Tasmania must complete an Arrivals Form. Travellers can print and complete the form and bring it with them or it can be completed on arrival to Tasmania. Please do not scan and submit the form electronically.</p> <p>Please note: Updated information for maritime crew is now available.</p> <p>If your travel to Tasmania is for work that is essential for the proper functioning of the state you should indicate this on your arrivals form and you will be exempt from quarantine periods.</p> |

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| | <p>Exemptions apply to Essential Travellers and should be indicated on the Tasmanian Arrivals Form.</p> <p>The Tasmanian Government has currently set a date of Friday 24 July for changes to be made to current border restrictions, subject to current health advice.</p> | | | <p>Essential Traveller:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport, freight and logistics • Any person who in the carriage of his or her duties is responsible for provision of transport or freight and logistics into, within and out of Tasmania; and • Flight Crew and ship crew, for the limited period of delivery of persons, freight or logistics into, within and out of Tasmania, and for no other purpose. |
| <p>Victoria</p> | <p><u>From 12.01am Wednesday, 8 July</u> NSW will temporarily shut its border with Victoria.</p> <p>Delays and disruptions are expected at border crossings between NSW and Victoria for at least 72 hours. Please plan for these when commencing any border crossing journey between the two states.</p> <p>From 11.59pm 1 July 2020, there are also new restrictions for people who live in restricted postcodes in Melbourne. For 6 weeks, there are only four reason to leave home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shopping for food and essential items; • to provide care giving or to seek medical treatment; • for exercise; • to work or study, if you cannot work or study from home. | <p>Exempt</p> | <p>Exempt</p> | <p>The Victorian Government has indicated it recognises the critical importance of the agriculture and food sector and will ensure farms and agribusinesses continue to operate.</p> <p>If you're travelling from Victoria to NSW from 12.01am on Wednesday 8 July, you must have a valid COVID-19 NSW border declaration permit (available soon).</p> <p>Producers and employees with cross-border travel scheduled are reminded to always carry evidence of their home address, employment and of their need to travel for the purpose of primary production and supply chain.</p> |
| <p>Western Australia</p> | <p>Strict border controls continue to be in place for Western Australia.</p> <p>Exemptions apply for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • specialist skills not available in WA | <p>Exceptions for delivery of essential services</p> | <p>Exceptions for delivery of essential services</p> | <p>If you meet the exemption criteria, the quickest and simplest way to apply for an exemption is via the G2G PASS online form. You must submit your application as soon as possible. By applying online, you can track your application status and will receive an email with the outcome of your application.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> transport, freight and logistics (not including airline and maritime crew members) <p>QUARANTINE (CLOSING THE BORDER) DIRECTIONS Document</p> | | | <p>Alternatively, a paper-based exemption application form is available. Please submit your application at least 14 days prior to travel.</p> <p>You must not enter WA until you have received approval from WA Police. Submitting an application does not constitute approval.</p> <p>G2G Pass for Travel Exemptions - Frequently Asked Questions</p> |
| <p>Queensland</p> | <p>Restricted entry to Queensland continues to apply, with border restrictions easing from 12 noon on 10 July 2020.</p> <p>From 12 noon 3 July 2020</p> <p>Any person who has been in a declared hotspot within the last 14 days will have to complete 14 days quarantine in government arranged accommodation. You will need to pay for the cost of your quarantine.</p> <p>All current COVID-19 hotspots are located in Victoria and currently all of Victoria is a hotspot. View COVID-19 hotspots.</p> <p>Any person who has been in a hotspot, including any local government area within the State of Victoria within the last 14 days should not come to Queensland. If they do, they must undergo mandatory quarantine in a hotel at their own expense for a minimum of 14 days.</p> | <p>Exempt</p> | <p>Exempt</p> | <p>Prior to restrictions easing at 12 noon on 10 July, You are only allowed to enter Queensland if you are an exempt person or have been granted an exemption from Queensland’s Chief Health Officer AND you have a Queensland Border Declaration Pass.</p> <p>A person is an exempt person if they fall in any of the following classes of persons:</p> <p><i>Transport, freight and logistics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any person who in performing their duties is responsible for provision of services for local passenger transport including bus services, taxi and ride share services, transport or freight of goods, or logistics for the goods, by sea, land or air into, within and out of Queensland, on the condition that the person must practise social distancing wherever possible, including maintaining a distance of at least 1.5 metres where reasonably practicable and remain self-quarantined in their vehicle or accommodation. <p>Note:</p> |



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| | <p>From 12 noon 10 July 2020 any person from New South Wales, Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory, may enter Queensland subject to completing and signing a border declaration.</p> | | | <p>Freight transport drivers are not required to complete the Queensland Border Declaration Pass.</p> |
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