



MARKET ACCESS ADVICE

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Canada: Changing certification requirements for fetal bovine serum

Att.	Industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry bodies – ISIA • Relevant exporters •
	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central and regional offices • ATMs and FOMs • OPVs and meat inspection staff • Veterinary and Export Meat Group • Audit and Assurance Group • Certification Management Group
	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State regulatory authorities
Affected markets		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada
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This Market Access Advice notifies exporters of upcoming changes to importing country requirements for export of fetal bovine serum to Canada and invites interested exporters to participate in the consultation process.

Canada has written to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the department) providing revised import conditions for fetal bovine serum (FBS) exports from Australia (currently exported using health certificate templates E242 (manual) or E242A (EXDOC) with additional endorsement 3682). The proposed conditions include changed requirements for sourcing FBS, as well as additional treatment and testing procedures. It is anticipated Canadian authorities will require these new requirements on health certification early in 2023, however, no official deadline has yet been notified to the department.

The department is assessing the new conditions and will negotiate with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) for interim trading arrangements until the new certification can be agreed.

As part of the review process, the department will consult with affected exporters and relevant industry bodies for feedback on the revised protocol. To assist the consultation process, the department is inviting exporters of blood or blood products, particularly FBS, to contact the department via exportstandards@agriculture.gov.au by **Friday 10 February 2023**.

The department encourages all exporters to work with their importers to ensure that product meets the current importing country requirements prior to exporting.

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