

Health certificates and waybills for cattle entering the Northern Territory

Introduction

Cattle that are entering the Northern Territory from interstate require health certification, and may need tests and treatment to prevent the introduction of serious diseases.

Health Certificate and Waybill forms and the Territory entry conditions are found at [Moving livestock into the NT - NT.GOV.AU](#)

The Health Certificate and Waybill confirms ownership of the animals and acts as a deterrent to cattle stealing. The documents identify the Property Identification Code (PIC) of the property of origin and the property of destination. This detailed information is useful for tracing animal movements, which is particularly important in the event of a disease outbreak.

The waybill is also an essential part of the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS), which operates across Australia, including the NT. Documentation and identification of livestock contribute to enabling effective traceability and product integrity.

The livestock owner, or the owner's agent, must complete all sections of the owner declaration. Original versions of the Health Certificate and Waybill must accompany the cattle in transit, and must be delivered to the stockowner at the property of destination.

The livestock owner must send a completed copy of the Health Certificate and Waybill to the Regional Livestock Biosecurity Officer for the region of the property of destination in the Territory.

Instructions for completing a health certificate and waybill

1. Complete all sections.
2. The property of origin may be a station, a sale yard, a dip yard or a trucking yard.
Note: A dipping or trucking yard should only be recorded as the property of origin if an NLIS transfer took place at the facility.
3. If cattle from several properties are brought together at a dip yard and are to be trucked as one consignment, each property must have a separate NT Health Certificate and Waybill.
4. A Health Certificate and Waybill may be completed for each truck, OR for each consignment. A consignment may consist of a number of vehicles in convoy, travelling from a single place of origin, to the same destination on the same day under the same ownership.
5. The owner, or the owner's agent, must give the original Health Certificate and Waybill to the truck driver.
6. If the movement details change, the owner or his/her agent must complete a new Health Certificate and Waybill with the necessary changes, or contact the Regional Livestock Biosecurity Officer at the destination. Examples of such changes could include:
 - o a delay of part of a consignment until a later date
 - o addition or removal of cattle

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- a change of destination for part or all of a consignment
- any change that make the Health Certificate and Waybill incorrect or untrue.

The owner may be guilty of an offence if the Health Certificate and Waybill contain details that are not true or are incorrect.

Truck drivers and/or the person taking delivery of the cattle may be guilty of an offence, if they deliver or receive livestock that do not match the details on the Waybill.

7. If a Health Certificate and Waybill are for a consignment (more than one truck), the 'boss' driver, or the driver of the last truck, should carry the Health Certificate and Waybill.

A convoy certificate must be completed for each truck with a cross reference to the waybill number and the registration number of the truck carrying the waybill. The convoy certificate may be a trucking company consignment/receivable note. The Health Certificate and Waybill or the convoy certificate must be produced when requested by a Biosecurity Officer or a Police Officer.

More information is found at [Moving livestock into the NT - NT.GOV.AU](https://www.nt.gov.au/industry-tourism-trade/moving-livestock-into-the-nt/) or by contacting your regional livestock biosecurity officer.

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