

# Stockfeed vendor declarations

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## Introduction

The Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) program is the Australian livestock industry's on-farm food safety program. It meets the stringent requirements of beef export markets, providing assurances about the safety of red meat grown by Australian cattle producers. Part of the LPA program ensures that livestock are not fed material that may contain unacceptable chemical residues or restricted animal material. Obtaining vendor declarations from fodder and stockfeed producers helps beef producers comply with that requirement.

## Types of vendor declarations

When purchasing stockfeeds, producers may receive, or can request the following vendor declarations:

### 1. Commodity Vendor Declaration

All introduced feeds should be accompanied by a (Commodity Vendor declaration (CVD), where possible. Alternatively, producers must assess the risk of chemical residues or have the feed tested. A CVD can be downloaded from [www.mla.com.au](http://www.mla.com.au). The National Grower Register also provides online forms via their website; iphone and android App; or

or on 1800 556 630. Note that By Product Vendor Declarations are no longer available, with all stockfeeds covered by CVD.

### 2. Fodder Vendor Declaration

This declaration can be used by fodder (e.g. hay, silage) producers and is provided by the Australian Fodder Industry Association.

### 3. Stock food supplier declaration

This form is provided to members of the Stock Feed Manufacturers Council of Australia who can then supply them to clients i.e. stockfeed users.

## Using the declarations

Producers can use the information provided on the feed declaration forms to declare information about meat safety in the relevant questions of the National Vendor Declaration (NVD) forms for sale stock. Without one of the above forms for feed that is purchased and fed to stock, producers must answer "Don't know" to Question 7 of the cattle NVD, if those stock are sold within 60 days of consuming the feed.

## Feed testing

To have stock feeds tested for chemical residues, a list of accredited laboratories is

available from the National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia, [www.nata.com.au](http://www.nata.com.au)

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### An example of some of the information contained in a Commodity Vendor Declaration

## Commodity Vendor Declaration



VENDOR DETAILS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

National Grower Registration (NGR) No: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Identification Code (PIC): \_\_\_\_\_

Vendors contract/ reference No: \_\_\_\_\_

BUYER DETAILS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

National Grower Registration (NGR) No: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Identification Code (PIC): \_\_\_\_\_

Buyers contract No: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMODITY DETAILS

Commodity \_\_\_\_\_ Delivery Period \_\_\_\_\_

Variety \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Variety \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL QUANTITY: \_\_\_\_\_

Part A – Product Integrity

1. **Commodity source (tick one)**

Single Source, Single Storage (eg off the header)       Single Source, Comingled Storage (eg farm silo)

Multi-Vendor Storage (eg grain depot, cotton gin seed storage)       Factory Developed Product (eg ethanol plant, gluten plant)

2. **Does this commodity contain restricted animal materials (eg meat and bone meal)?**

No       Yes

3. **With respect to Genetically Modified Organisms, this commodity: (tick one)**

Is non GMO as defined by 99% non GMO       Contains greater than 5% GMO or content unknown.

Is non GMO as defined by 95% non GMO

Part B – Chemical Use

4. **Is this commodity within a withholding period (WHP), Export Slaughter Interval (ESI) or Export Animal Feed Interval (EAFI) following treatment with any plant chemical including a pickling or seed treatment, fumigant, pesticide or insecticide?**

No       Yes, enter details in the table below

Chemical applied	Rate (Tonne/ Ha)	Application date	WHP/ ESI/ EAFI

5. **Has the commodity been grown and/or stored under an independently audited QA program which includes chemical residue management?**

No       Yes, provide details

QA program \_\_\_\_\_ Accreditation/ Certification Number \_\_\_\_\_

If this commodity has been grown or stored under such a QA program, please now read and sign Part C. If not, please now complete the remainder of Part B.