

## MEAT STANDARDS AUSTRALIA

### Amendment Advice 7/2014 – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014

**TO: All Meat Standards Australia (MSA) licensed sheep processors**

**ATTENTION: MSA Coordinator**

It is a requirement of a Meat Standards Australia (MSA) licensed sheep processor to adhere to the relevant sections of the current MSA Standards Manual for the processing of lamb and sheep that follow MSA pathways.

MSA advises an amendment has been made to the MSA Standards which have been reformatted into supply chain sections. The sections relevant to MSA sheep processors include:

Section 1 – Foreword and Introduction

Section 3 – Licence and Trade Mark

Section 8 – Processors

Section 12 – Compliance and audit requirements

Section 13 - Suspension or Termination and Dispute Resolution

Section 14 – MLA Privacy Policy

#### SUMMARY OF MAJOR AMENDMENTS

Section	Amendment
Section 12 – Compliance and audit requirements	Amendment has been made to the training requirements for carcass measurements.
<b>Audit guidance material</b> 12.9.2 - Processors, Independent Boning Rooms / Value Adders	All graders must hold current appropriate qualifications <b>For Sheep – minimum training requirements as per the Aus-Meat National Accreditation Standards Appendices 4 Carcass Measurements</b>
Criteria 8.6	If no evidence is available to show grader currency then a MAJOR non-conformance is issued. If the person grading has not undergone the required training then a MAJOR non-conformance is to be issued.

MSA sheep processors will have immediate access to the revised documents via the MSA beef and MSA sheepmeat page of the [Meat Standards Australia website](http://www.mla.com.au/msa), [www.mla.com.au/msa](http://www.mla.com.au/msa).

MSA licensed processors should note the changes to relevant sections of this publication and update any electronic or printed copies maintained on file. The revised Standards will be effective immediately. If you have any queries on the amendment information contained in this advice or wish to update your contact details, please contact Meat Standards Australia on 1800 111 672 or email [msaenquiries@mla.com.au](mailto:msaenquiries@mla.com.au).

Kind regards,



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