



NEW ZEALAND LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT ASSURANCE PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Members of the NZLTA include AFFCO New Zealand, South Pacific Meats Ltd, ANZCO Foods Ltd, Riverlands Meats, Ovation New Zealand and Silver Fern Farms. Not all meat processing companies are participating in the programme but the current participants represent a significant proportion of New Zealand's meat processing capacity.

The NZLTA was created by the meat processors to satisfy customer demands for greater assurance that all livestock are transported and handled in a safe and efficient manner meeting the minimum requirements of the Transport of Animals within New Zealand Code of Welfare 2011.

The NZLTA programme covers cattle, sheep, lambs, goats and calves. The programme took effect from July 2013.

All transport operators must complete and submit the NZLTA Application Form to AsureQuality (refer address details below). The deadline for Operator applications was the end of 2013. As the programme has now been running for a considerable period of time it is now critical that Operators submit their documentation. **Membership enables operators to transport stock to the member sites, non-accredited transport operators will not be able to transport livestock to member companies.**

NZLTA participation will require drivers to be suitably trained. Once they are trained drivers will be registered on the NZLTA driver database.

Transport Operators joining the NZLTA Programme need to complete an Application Form along with a current Driver Register (refer Appendix 2) that will include:

- Driver full name
- Colour Photocopy or Image of Drivers Licence
- Training Record including dates and name of trainer

A central register of truck driver accreditation will be maintained by the NZLTA programme with web access provided to programme members and transport operators.

Application forms are available from RTFNZ and AsureQuality www.nzlta.co.nz or can be requested by email nzlta@asurequality.com.

The Application Form and associated Driver Registration documentation can be emailed to nzlta@asurequality.com or mailed to

Unit 1, 6H Sir William Pickering Drive, Burnside Christchurch 8053 (courier) or
Private Bag 4718 Christchurch Mail Centre, Christchurch 8140

Driver registration cost

Registration costs will be \$48.50 per driver. Drivers that have already received training with a NZLTA recognised organisations (refer below), will not be required to complete further training but will need to provide evidence of the training. The operator will not be charged for the registration of those drivers (they will still need to be registered).

- CMP Transport Quality Assurance Programme
- Alliance Group – Livestock Transport Accreditation Programme

The list of recognised Driver Assessors will be published on the NZLTA Website www.nzlta.co.nz

Training and Audit

Driver training will be conducted by Assessors who must be approved by the National Livestock Transport and Safety Group (NLT&SG) convened by Road Transport Forum NZ and by NZLTA representatives. Prospective assessors must initially apply to the NLT&SG for endorsement. Once approved, assessors will be provided with training guidance and relevant information. That content will be developed in association with the NLT&SG and NZLTA participants. Operators must ensure driver training is completed as soon as possible as all drivers should now be registered.

Training requirements are to be set by RTFNZ in association with NZLTA members (including AsureQuality). RTFNZ, in association with industry representatives will be responsible for developing training materials.



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Trainer numbers are to be limited. It is also initially anticipated that preference will be given to suitably experienced livestock transport operators and other suitably experienced industry participants. There will be a one off assessor registration fee of \$165.

Truck, driver and animal welfare audits will only be conducted at meat processor sites by meat processor and AsureQuality personnel. These checks are to be conducted free of charge.

Transport operators are to be audited every 18 months by AsureQuality. Audits will be conducted to ensure the on-going efficacy of the programme. These audits are to be conducted free of charge.

Industry opportunities

The NZLTA programme presents the livestock transport industry with an opportunity to address several items of long standing concern.

Those concerns include:

- Addressing animal welfare concerns through increased training
- Creating one single transport assurance programme
- Acknowledging the Occupational Safety and Health benefits associated with responsible electric prodder use
- Increased support for the RTF Stock Crate Code for Transportation of Livestock.

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