



## 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, Silver Fern Farms, Alliance Group Ltd, and Blue Sky Meats Ltd. 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). **Registration 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 that will include:

- Driver full name
- Colour Photocopy or Image of Drivers Licence (front & back)
- Training Record evidence 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](http://www.nzlta.co.nz) or can be requested by email [nzlta@asurequality.com](mailto:nzlta@asurequality.com).

The Application Form and associated Driver Registration documentation can be emailed to [nzlta@asurequality.com](mailto:nzlta@asurequality.com)

### Driver registration cost

Registration costs is \$48.50 + GST per driver. Drivers that have already received training with a NZLTA recognised organisations, will not be required to complete further training but will need to provide evidence of the training. The list of recognised Driver Assessors is published on the NZLTA Website [www.nzlta.co.nz](http://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.

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 + GST for successful applicants.



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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 2 years by AsureQuality. Depot audits will be conducted to ensure the on-going efficacy of the programme. An initial transport company depot audit will be conducted within 3 months of Operator NZLTA registration. These audits are to be conducted free of charge.

All crates must have completed a full RTF certification audit and must carry their QR coded certification tag to meet NZLTA requirements. Thereafter biennial repairs and maintenance inspections must be carried out, except in the case of brand new crates which will be exempt for 3 years before they require their first inspection. QR coded tags will be scanned to determine if an inspection has been carried out within the previous 18 months, if not the auditor will conduct a crate inspection.

### 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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