

meat; only clean, new bags/wrappers or packing containers may be used; the identification/veterinary control number of the establishment where the meat was packed (or the animals slaughtered if in carcass form) must be readily visible on the outer wrapping or package and the meat (numbers must not be able to be removed without damage); the meat shall be transported from the exporting country directly to Australia in clean, sealed containers; the meat shall be stored for no less than thirty days after the slaughter of the animals from which it was derived before release from quarantine in Australia.

- vi) Certification: a certificate, issued by a full time national government veterinarian of the exporting country, must accompany each consignment of meat.

Environmental Legislation: Department of Environment, sports and territories is responsible for broad environmental issues. For the most pressing environmental issues regarding Australian beef, that of feed-lotting, there is no commonwealth legislation in place. There is however the "National Guidelines for beef cattle feedlots in Australia" publication which is a joint industry, government and community initiative. It is the responsibility of individual states to implement the guidelines, and to date the major beef-producing states have welcomed these guidelines.

## 5. INDUSTRY STRUCTURE

### A. *Location of domestic production facilities and brief description.*

Beef production facilities are widespread throughout Australia. For example there are approximately 500 meat works spread throughout all states. The major beef producing state is Queensland and hence the industry is more heavily concentrated there. There are around 500 abattoirs in Australia, located throughout the country. They range from small local slaughterhouses to large export works using the latest technology. Export abattoirs are required to be accredited by Aus-Meat, and both export and domestic abattoirs are licensed by the appropriate state licensing authority (e.g. the New South Wales (NSW) Meat Industry Authority).

### B. *List main industry contacts:*

There are many federal and state government agencies which are involved in the beef trade within Australia.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corp.; Aus-Meat; Calm Services; Australian Trade Commission; Australian Council of Livestock Agents; Australian