

The number of pure breed beef breeding animals being exported to destinations such as China under the Australian Cattle Genetics Export Agency (ACGEA) standards is increasing at a rapid rate.

Following is a check list to ensure your animals are ACGEA export ready and meet the protocols outlined in the ACGEA standards. For more detailed information please refer to the ACGEA standards booklet on the ILRIC website - www.ilric.com

Note: There will be a range of other requirements for your animals to be eligible for export outside of the ACGEA standards. These will be known by your stock agent and/or exporter contact.

ACGEA REQUIREMENTS – SUPPLIERS OF ANIMALS OF ALL CATEGORIES:

- **NLIS Identifier** – All cattle supplied must have a NLIS RFID tag for identification purposes.
- **ACGEA Inspection: true-to-type** – All animals will be individually inspected to ensure they comply with the Breed Association phenotypic standards. This is outlined in the full ACGEA standards booklet on the ILRIC website (www.ilric.com). For example, Angus cattle must not have white skin/hair above the underline or on a leg or foot, unless it is a birth mark. Additionally, they must have no white skin/hair on or in front of the naval scar, unless it is a birth mark
- **ACGEA Inspection: Structural Soundness** – All animals are to be individually inspected to ensure they meet the standards for acceptable mobility and structural soundness. To ensure consistency they must fall within the following Australian Structural Soundness Standards (known as Beef Class):
 - A. Front feet claw set: 4 - 7
 - B. Rear feet claw set: 4 - 7
 - C. Front feet angle: 4 - 7
 - D. Rear feet angle: 4 - 7
 - E. Rear legs side view: 4 - 7
 - F. Rear legs hind view: 4 - 7
 - G. Sheath Score: 1 - 3

The structural soundness standards are outlined further in the full ACGEA standards booklet in the ILRIC website (www.ilric.com)

- **ACGEA Inspection: Other** – Additionally, all animals will be individually inspected to ensure they have:
 - Acceptable temperament.
 - Acceptable condition and visual health to enable suitability for breeding.
 - Free from excessive warts, ring worm and pink eye scars.

ACGEA REQUIREMENTS – SPECIFIC TO SUPPLIERS OF CATEGORY 1 ANIMALS

- **Breed Association Register** – Recorded on the appropriate register for the relevant Breed Association. For Example, Category 1 Angus cattle must be recorded on the Angus Australia HBR or APR register only.
- **2 sets of permanent Identification** – Along with the NLIS tag as identification, category 1 animals must also have a freeze brand, fire brand or ear tattoo that matches the animals registration identification with the relevant Breed Association.

- **3 Generations of Pedigree** – Category 1 animals must have a minimum of 3 generations of pedigree on the sire and dam side recorded with the relevant Breed Association.
- **ACGEA Inspection: Beef Class** – Additional to above, all category 1 animals will undergo a full Beef Class assessment and must meet the requirements listed above.
- **ACGEA Inspection: Bull Scrotal Circumference** – All bulls will be measured for scrotal circumference and must have a minimum scrotal circumference of 30 cm for yearlings and 34 cm for bulls 18 months and over (British and European Breeds only).

ACGEA REQUIREMENTS – SPECIFIC TO SUPPLIERS OF CATEGORY 2 ANIMALS

- **Pedigree** – Must be bred, at minimum, from a sire or sires in a multiple sire mating group that meet the category 1 criteria outlined below. A dam may also be recorded but is not mandatory.
- **Sire Details** – All category 2 animals must be bred from known sires that meet the following criteria:
 - Minimum of 2 generations of pedigree on the sire and dam side.
 - Recorded on the appropriate Breed Association register.
 - Able to be transferred into your ownership or validated if bred by a lease bull/s or from AI.
- **Multiple Sire Matings** – If the animals are bred from multiple sire matings, a maximum of 5 sires can be listed.

This and further information will be requested in the form of a *“Sire (single or multiple sire) Recording and Validation Form”* which includes a confirmation by signature that the information is true and correct. This form will be provided by the Exporter contact and forwarded to the relevant Breed Association for validation checks and processing.

For further information on the ACGEA Standards and certification process please contact the ILRIC office or peruse the ILRIC website (www.ilric.com)



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