

Vocabulary	Definition
ammonia	A pungent alkaline gas - compound of nitrogen and hydrogen. Heavily soiled floors from urine on live export ships and in factory farms can produce ammonia.
animal agriculture	Growing, rearing, and managing livestock to produce a variety of animal products for commercial sale.
animal welfare	How an animal is coping with the conditions in which it lives.
arable	Suitable for growing and cultivating food.
Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL)	The standards set out by the Australian Government which specify the minimum requirements for animal health and welfare that exporters must meet when transporting animals by sea and air.
behavioural freedom	The state in which an animal has the freedom to perform natural behaviours unique to them.
box-chilled meat	Box-chilled meat is fresh or frozen animal meat/carcass, sold locally or exported to foreign markets.
breeders	Animals used to produce offspring.
breeding stock	Male and female animals who are used for the primary purpose of producing offspring.
commodities	Goods which can be bought, sold and traded.
cultured meat	Meat that is grown from cell cultures (also known as 'cell-based meat'). Rather than slaughtering a living animal, the meat is grown via animal cells taken from a biopsy.
ethical	Adhering to moral principles concerning beliefs on what is morally 'right' and 'wrong'.
ewe	The name given to identify a female sheep.
Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS)	A system put in place by the Australian Government to ensure exporter accountability for the welfare of animals exported to overseas destinations. The system monitors the welfare, handling, slaughter methods and traceability of the animals through the supply chain.
feeder stock	'Feeder' is the term given to cattle who are fattened in feedlots prior to slaughter.
feedlot	A yard or pen used to contain and feed livestock mechanically or by hand, with the purpose of increasing the weight of cattle and sheep before sending them to slaughter.

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feed troughs	A long, low trough containing water or food used to feed animals.
Food and Water Deprivation (FWD)	A practice whereby animals are not provided with food and water before and/or during transport.
food security	The state of having physical, social and economic access to affordable and nutritious food capable of sustaining dietary needs.
fundamental rights	The basic freedoms and protections required to lead a healthy life in dignity, such as the rights to life, health and liberty.
government policy	The positions, principles, plans and procedures created by governments regarding specific matters. Governments use policy to help them make decisions on important issues, such as environmental policy to address environmental problems.
Halal slaughter	A method of animal slaughter compliant with Islamic law.
heat stress	Heat stress in animals occurs when they are unable to effectively disperse body heat, causing their body temperature to rise above normal healthy levels.
inanition	A state of exhaustion caused by a lack of food and water.
Independent Observer	A person, independent from both government and industry, who is required to monitor, record, and report on conditions and procedures on-board certain live export ships sailing from Australia to ensure animal health and welfare.
inherent cruelties	The negative animal welfare impacts that are an intrinsic and inevitable part of intensive animal agriculture processes. For example, the welfare issues experienced by animals held in intensive confinement in factory farms due to their close proximity and inability to perform natural behaviours.
international trade	The import and export of goods and services between countries.
Kosher slaughter	A method of animal slaughter compliant with the dietary laws of Judaism.
law enforcement	The act of ensuring that the law is obeyed. Generally enforced by government agencies, such as the police force.
live export	The commercial exportation of living animals between countries for various purposes, including slaughter or breeding.
livestock	Animals who are farmed such as sheep and cows for their ability to produce meat, leather, dairy and other animal derived products.

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mortality rate	A measure of the number of deaths in a specific population during a particular period of time. For example, on live export voyages the mortality rate refers to the percentage of animals on board who die during the voyage.
physiological stress	The activation of bodily systems in response to stressors, which aim to return the body back to a stable internal state.
postural adjustments	The act of making muscular adjustments in order to maintain one's stance or balance.
property	A thing owned by a legal person. Things do not have legal rights. Owners have various rights with respect to the things they own – including the rights to sell and destroy.
religious slaughter	The slaughter of animals according to religious customs and beliefs.
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)	A federation of separate Australian animal welfare organisations, including RSPCA Australia (national) and state/territory RSPCAs. RSPCAs have various functions, including operating animal rehoming shelters and investigating and prosecuting animal cruelty complaints.
slaughterhouse	A place where humans kill animals for their meat and bodily parts.
slaughter stock	Farmed animals who are reared for the purpose of being slaughtered for their meat, skins, and other animal products.
social licence	When a project or industry has the approval and acceptance of the community and relevant stakeholders.
stocking density	The concentration of animals within a particular area.
stockperson	A person who looks after livestock. For example, stockpersons on live export ships maintain the health and welfare of the animals on board.
veal	A meat product which is derived from young calves, generally male dairy calves.
Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI)	<u>The Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index</u> ranks the welfare performance of fifty countries selected amongst the largest livestock producers in the world.
welfare standards	Welfare standards, when referring to animals, are government guidelines designed to ensure a minimum level of adequate animal welfare, health and wellbeing.
whistleblower	A name given to a person who reveals secretive, unorthodox, unethical, or illegal behaviour of a company or organisation.