

Hi all just thought I would advise of recent discussions Wildflower Alpacas and International Alpaca Exports have had with DAWR regarding the direct options from Au to Europe for the export of Alpacas. The Q Fever testing project and Opening doors with Canada.\

EU market access for Alpaca:

- A Protocol negotiation is not required however AU must meet their current legislative requirements. Namely being approved for third country recognition. Import conditions are already in EU legislation (Overseas Market Access Requirements).
- Third country recognition appears to be a lengthy and resource intensive task. An EU audit of Australia may be required in the future, these 2 points could take up to 2 years!
- Resourcing is a challenge for DAWR for comparatively small trade volume/value markets.
- DAWR discussed this challenge with AAA who agreed that they would look to see if they could do some of the work required to meet EU “third country recognition” requirements but to date we have yet to be contacted for advice, we have been dealing with the OMAR (Overseas Market Access Requirements) for over 10 years.
- DAWR will be looking at what they have already provided to the EU when they applied for access for other commodities to avoid duplication.
- Once they have a better picture of what is required and who can do this work then they will discuss this with us and the AAA and work out how to progress.

NZ – Q Fever Project

- We recognize that a test would need to be validated and for NZ to accept this before trade will reopen.
- Project Q Fever Certification still in progress with an update shortly
- We are also considering other options to present to NZ, noting the possible logistical and practical difficulties of validating the test.

Canada Protocol

- Au hope to have access very shortly. The protocol should be in place by months end.
- The Canadian Government seem keen to finalize the protocol.
- As an access point to Europe, Canada has now been recognized as seasonally free of Blue Tongue virus but can only export in certain periods (1 Nov - 15 May)
- Small groups can only be exported from Au to Ca in the lower holds of a passenger aircraft on direct flights (up to 12 head) - please contact us for pricing.

- We are clarifying the waiting period of 6 mths and if it still applies to those alpaca not born or resided in CA before being eligible for re export to Europe. Once we have confirmation either way we will advise.