Scope

• The Australian Government is **consolidating and improving** our agricultural export legislation before the majority of it ceases to be law in April 2020.

• Some elements of the framework (e.g. cost recovery arrangements and livestock export certification) are subject to separate reforms, and will be incorporated into the new legislation.

• There will be no change to Australia’s commitment to meet the importing requirements of our trading partners.
What’s Changing

We will establish a contemporary, efficient and flexible framework with:

• **simpler legislation**, consolidating existing requirements into a single set of regulations where possible - e.g. one set of export permit provisions that can be applied to a range of situations)

• **broader monitoring, investigation and enforcement powers** to deter rogue exporters from bringing the system down for everyone

• **clearer provisions for performing verification activities** across the supply chain (i.e. ensuring adequate legal power)

• **clearer requirements** on the appointment and obligations of authorised officers.
Future Agricultural Export Legislation Framework

- Contains the objectives of the framework
- Sets out principles for operations, supported by delegated legislation and administrative processes

- Contains operational provisions, such as issuing export permits, undertaking audits and registering export establishments.
- Sets out commodity-specific matters, incorporating various standards that meet importing country requirements.

- Website detailing requirements that exporters must meet to import into specific countries.
- Regularly updated to reflect changes in importing country requirements.
Timeline and Next Steps

• 2016-17 – develop improved legislation and Regulation Impact Statement (RIS)

• 2017 – release of exposure drafts of legislation (Bill and Rules) and RIS for stakeholder comment

• 2017-18 – introduction into Parliament

• 2018-19 – assuming passage, conduct implementation activities

• 1 April 2020 – last date for implementation

Ongoing consultation with stakeholders will be a priority throughout the development and implementation process
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