

Process of Investigation: Accredited Pregnancy tester non-compliance

1. NON-COMPLIANCE

Individually identified cattle declared to be non-pregnant (PTE) by accredited pregnancy tester calculated to be pregnant at time of pregnancy testing.

2. RECEIPT OF COMPLAINT

Exporter completes Complaint Form and emails the form to susan.gillis@nt.gov.au with supporting evidence of non-compliance.

3. GROUNDS FOR COMPLAINT TO BE ESTABLISHED

Non-compliance with S1.9 of Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL) version 2.3

S1.9 Cattle and buffalo sourced for export as slaughter and feeder animals:

- (a) must have been determined not to be pregnant, using the following criteria:
 - (i) have been pregnancy tested during the 30 day period before export and certified in writing as not detectably pregnant by the registered veterinarian or competent pregnancy tester who pregnancy tested the cattle or buffalo; or
 - (ii) be accompanied by a vendor declaration that certifies that they have been spayed using the Willis dropped ovary technique not less than 30 days before export; or
 - (iii) be accompanied by a vendor declaration that certifies that they have been spayed not less than 280 days before export.

For this standard, a competent pregnancy tester, for a pregnancy test conducted in:

- (b) the Northern Territory – is a person accredited by the relevant agency of the Northern Territory to conduct pregnancy tests

4. NOTIFICATION OF COMPLAINT

Accredited pregnancy tester notified in writing of the investigation of complaint and advised of his/her right and the opportunity to provide a response in writing to the complaint within 28 days of receipt of the notice.

5. INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINT

Northern Territory Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries (DPIF) conducts an investigation into the complaint and reviews supporting evidence including the accredited pregnancy testers response to the complaint (if provided).

6. DETERMINATION OF INVESTIGATION

In completing the investigation, there are three major outcomes for the accredited pregnancy tester:

1. Pregnancy testing accreditation is cancelled for a period of 12 months.
2. A warning is issued in writing with possible pregnancy testing cancellation on a second substantiated complaint.
3. The complaint is dismissed and no further action is taken.

Pregnancy Testing Accreditation Compliance Information

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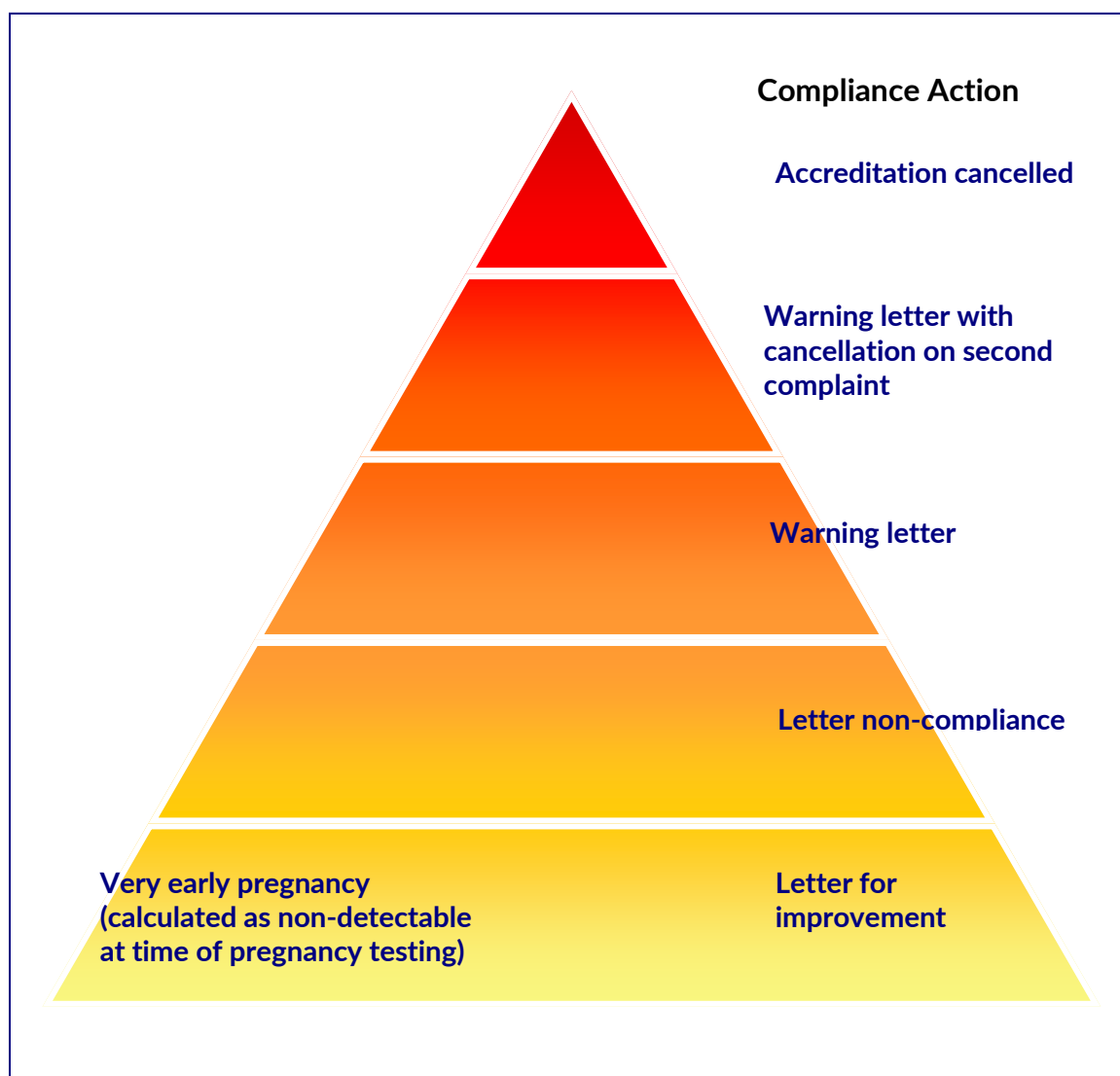
Pregnancy Testing Accreditation Program Information

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Actions for non-compliance of Northern Territory Government Accredited Pregnancy Testers with Australian Standards for Export of Livestock (ASEL) Version 2.3



- All complaints received will be investigated by DPIF.
- All accredited pregnancy testers will receive notification that a complaint has been received and given 28 days to respond to complaint.
- Consistent with approach and investigations undertaken by the Northern Territory Veterinary Surgeons Board.

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