

Guidance Note for Hide Traceability- part processed wet blue/wet white

Processors receiving hides in a part processed wet condition (wet blue/wet white)

Consignments may be made up on the basis of weight or quality and may therefore be made up of several pallets of wet blue each of which may or may not support hides originating from different tannage loads. Processors should be able to provide documentation detailing the tannage loads contributing to the make-up of any individual pallet and to the slaughterhouses involved in the supply of hides to each tannage load.

In order to obtain “A” grade rating the wet blue processor will require the following from EACH supplier:

- Wet blue hides that have been individually stamped in such a way that the slaughter house in which the animals were slaughtered can be determined from the code.
- Wet blue hides that have been individually stamped in such a way that the date on which the animals were slaughtered can be determined from the code (currently applies to Brazilian hides only but anticipated to be extended to all countries of origin for future versions of the protocol).
- A document explaining the stamp code, ie listing all potential slaughterhouses in the supply chain.

In order to obtain “B” grade rating the wet blue processor will require the following from EACH supplier:

- Wet blue hides (on pallets that have been individually identified)
- A document that lists for EACH pallet of the shipment
 - The number of hides on the pallet
 - The process lot numbers contributing to that pallet of hides
- A document listing the slaughterhouses from which all hides in EACH process lot were obtained (and in the case of Brazilian hides the date of slaughter)

Grades “C” to “F” will be attained if lower levels of traceability are demonstrated.

An example of a letter that could be sent to a supplier is given below:

Suggested letter to raw material suppliers

To(Wet Blue Supplier)

XYZ Ltd is committed to ensuring that all inputs within its supply chain are responsibly sourced. Traceability within the hide supply chain is a key factor of this commitment and we therefore request that all future shipments of wet blue conform to the following requirements:

Wet blue hides that have been physically stamped (in the tannery or the slaughterhouse).
Future deliveries should include the following:

- Wet blue hides that have been individually code-stamped in such a way that the slaughterhouse in which the animals were slaughtered can be determined from the code.
- Wet blue hides that have been individually code-stamped in such a way that the date on which the animals were slaughtered can be determined from the code (this requirement currently applies to Brazilian hides only).
- A document explaining the stamp code, i.e. listing all potential slaughterhouses in the supply chain and which therefore enables identification of the slaughterhouse for each hide in the shipment (and date of slaughter for Brazilian hides).

Wet blue hides that have not been physically stamped
Future deliveries should include the following:

- Wet blue hides (on pallets that have been individually identified or covered with coverings that have been individually marked).
- A document that lists for EACH pallet of the shipment
 - The number of hides on the pallet
 - The process lot numbers contributing to each pallet of hides
- A document listing the slaughterhouses from which all hides in EACH process lot were obtained (and in the case of Brazilian hides the date of slaughter).

In the event that you are not currently able to supply wet blue hides traceable to the slaughterhouse please indicate a date by which you expect to be able to do so.

Please confirm your understanding of this requirement by signing and returning a copy of this letter.

..... Date

Date (or expected date) after which wet blue hides traceable to the slaughterhouse will be supplied.

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