

## Declaring Stock Free of Hormonal Growth Promotants

*Each year properties are randomly selected for audit in the NT. Your property may be audited anytime*

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### WHAT ARE HGP'S

**Hormonal growth promotants (HGPs)** are implants registered for use in cattle to increase the rate of weight gain on good feed. The implants contain either naturally-occurring hormones, such as oestradiol, progesterone and testosterone, or contain a chemical, which stimulates natural hormone release, such as zeranol.

### DECLARING CATTLE FREE OF HGP'S

Cattle can be declared HGP-free in one of two ways, depending on the market targeted.

#### 1. The European Union Cattle Accreditation Scheme (EUCAS)

Producers wishing to supply meat to the European Union (EU) can apply to AQIS for accreditation to become an EU supplier and agree to adhere to EUCAS rules.

EUCAS is an HGP-free system.

AQIS conduct random audits on EUCAS-accredited properties.

For more information call the EUCAS helpline on 1800 305 544.

#### 2. Markets outside the EU - The National Livestock Identification Scheme (NLIS) and the Livestock Producer Assurance Program (LPAP)

The EUCAS and NLIS systems use the same permanent identification device (Figures 1 and 2).

LPA developed a national vendor declaration (NVD) and waybill (Figure 3) is to be filled out by the producer to declare the HGP status of all cattle in the consignment and what feed the cattle were fed prior to departure from the property.

The NVD system is audited by LPAP on a randomly generated Property Identification Code basis. Properties may be subject to an LPA audit sometime.



**Figure 1.** A permanent ID device inserted in right ear



**Figure 2.** Permanent ID devices

