

Abattoir & Rendering Audit Project 2023

Biosecurity and Food Safety (BFS) protects the NSW community, environment and economy from biosecurity & food safety risks

Project Overview

BFS Compliance conducted an audit program on domestic abattoirs producing red meat and rendering plants producing animal feed.

This audit program was designed to conduct full systems audits at all licensed abattoirs and rendering plants throughout NSW, with a specific focus on food safety, animal welfare, animal traceability and biosecurity controls.

The audits included a full assessment on biosecurity programs that are in place within these licensed facilities to ensure that appropriate systems are in place to protect the biosecurity environment within these facilities.

Project Statistics



of biosecurity programs assessed were fully compliant



Audits conducted



Auditors from BFS Compliance involved in the project



Audit hours



Penalty Notices to be issued for NLIS non-compliance



Improvement Notices issued



Improvement Notices closed out with no further sanctions required

Project Outcomes

This targeted audit program highlighted that licensed abattoirs and rendering plants continue to operate at high levels of compliance. Although two domestic abattoirs had unacceptable audit outcomes, critical issues were promptly rectified, and further compliance checks confirmed that operating standards had improved.

The three rendering facilities had acceptable audit outcomes which demonstrates this sector correctly processes and labels pet food products to protect against animal disease caused by incorrect feeding of animals.

The 100% compliance with biosecurity programs is an excellent result and shows the importance these sectors place on ensuring their facilities and processing methods are operated in full compliance with biosecurity controls and best practice standards.

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