

REMEMBER

1. Ensure the appropriate warning labels are provided with the stock feed being sold
2. If re-bagging or blending stock feed, clean your machinery to prevent cross-contamination of feeds for ruminants
3. Do not supply RAM or feedstuffs containing RAM to anyone for feeding to ruminants
4. Keep records of your purchases and sales for each transaction

How is the Ruminant Feed Ban enforced?

Your state/territory Department of Primary Industry officers carry out random inspections of producers and stock feed manufacturers to ensure compliance with legislative requirements.

Heavy penalties can apply to anyone found guilty of:

- selling stock feeds without the legislated warning label/s
- allowing cross contamination of feed stuffs for ruminants with RAM
- supplying RAM or feedstuffs containing RAM to anyone for feeding to ruminants.

For more information:

Contact your local state Department of Primary Industry representative; district veterinary officer, stock inspector or producer organisation or visit:

www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/ruminant-feed-ban

AUSTRALIAN RUMINANT FEED BAN RETAILERS

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Understanding Australia's Ruminant Feed Ban for retailers

Since 1996, the Australian Ruminant Feed Ban has helped prevent the establishment of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in Australia. The ban was introduced by the Australian livestock and stock feed industries and was legislated in all states and territories of Australia in 1997. The ban insures the provision of safe beef, and beef products, to international markets.

International markets seek assurances from Australia that there are appropriate measures in place to ensure that restricted animal material (RAM) is not being fed to ruminant livestock species (e.g. cattle, sheep, goats or deer). The legislation and associated policing of these provisions are aimed at providing such assurances.

Compliance with the ban will help keep BSE out of Australian livestock.

RAM (Restricted Animal Material) is:
meat, eggs, meat and bone meal, blood meal, poultry offal meal, feather meal, fishmeal or any other animal meals or manure.

It does not include:
tallow, gelatine, milk and milk products. These products are exempt from the definition of RAM and may be used in ruminant feeds. Tallow includes used cooking oils, provided they have been treated to remove RAM and should meet the *National Standard for Recycling of Used Cooking Fats and Oils Intended for Animal Feeds*.

How can you comply with the Ruminant Feed Ban?

As a retailer of stock feed, it is important that you understand your obligations under the Ruminant Feed Ban.

As a retailer of stock feed you must:

- ensure stock feed containing RAM is not sold for the purpose of feeding ruminant animals
- ensure all stock feed (containing RAM) sold has the following warning label affixed to the bag, or if sold in bulk, on the delivery docket/ invoice and meets state legislation:

**This product contains restricted animal material
DO NOT FEED TO CATTLE, SHEEP,
GOATS, DEER OR OTHER RUMINANTS.**

- ensure that all stock feed (not containing RAM) sold has a negative RAM statement on the label affixed to the bag, or if sold in bulk, on the delivery docket/ invoice and meets state legislation:

This product does not contain restricted animal material

- store stock feeds containing RAM and other stock feeds separately from each other so that cross-contamination does not occur
- Thoroughly clean all equipment after handling stock feed with RAM so that cross-contamination does not occur
- not recycle bags that contained RAM for holding ruminant feeds
- ensure that any blending of stock feed or re-bagging of stock feed meets the dot points mentioned above

- ensure that records are kept of purchases and sales of stock feed and their individual ingredients (it is encouraged that the details of any cash sales of meat and bone meal are kept for reference).

Ruminant Feed Ban – Retailer checklist

Complete this checklist to ensure that you are meeting the requirements of the ban.

Questions	YES	NO
1. Do you ensure that all products sold by you have the appropriate labelling as per state legislation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you ensure that products that contain RAM are stored separately and securely from feed commodities that will be fed to ruminant livestock?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. If you re-bag or blend stock feeds destined for ruminants, do you maintain and implement cleaning, flushing and sequencing procedures that prevent cross-contamination?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Do you maintain records that verify the re-bagged or blended stock feed does not contain RAM?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. If you sell the product you mix or rebag, do you label all product in accordance with your state or territory labelling requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Do you maintain records of purchases and sales of stock feed or RAM?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you answered NO to any of the questions you are NOT complying with the requirements of the Australian Ruminant Feed Ban.

You MUST implement measures to rectify the non-compliance/s.