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APHA Briefing Note 17/25

Export of Dogs and Cats to Australia – amended ET259 published

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Purpose

1. To inform Official Veterinarians (OVs) in Great Britain that an amended version of ID Declaration ET259 for the export of dogs and cats to Australia is available for use, and that an interim period will apply where the previous version of the ET259 will still be accepted by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF).

Background

2. APHA BNs [33/24](#), [04/25](#) and [07/25](#) were previously published providing guidance on the process for the export of dogs and cats to Australia.
3. The ET259 ID Declaration has been updated after review by APHA and DAFF. The animal identification photograph must now to be merged into the ET259 before being emailed to DAFF, see paragraph 8 of page 51 of the OV instructions on the [Improve International website](#).
4. OVs are now only required to provide the practice address on one section of the form (section A) rather than at the two sections in the previous version (sections A and C). The address that must be provided at section A is the address of the practice that the OV is delivering that specific ID declaration for and not any other practice that they may also work for.

Action

5. The new version of the ET259 (Rev.05/25) is now available on the OV instructions on Improve International: [ET259 identification declaration for OVs preparing dogs and cats for export from the UK to Australia](#).
6. OVs should start to use the new form with immediate effect but the previous version will be accepted by DAFF for an interim period up to and including 31 May 2025. From 1 June 2025, the new (Rev. 05/25) version will be the only version that DAFF will accept.

Further Information

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