

Information sheet

Storage and movement of harvested macropods

This information sheet relates specifically to the storage and movement of macropods and macropod products in Queensland.

Overview

Harvesting of macropods (kangaroos and wallaroos) in Queensland is regulated under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* and subordinate legislation: the *Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020*, and the *Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2017*.

Holders of harvesting licences for macropods are required, under certain circumstances, to obtain permission to move harvested macropods, and to store macropods at locations other than their licensed premises. The purpose of the legislation is to allow the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (the department) to effectively monitor the harvest and trade of macropods taken under the Queensland Wildlife Trade Management Plan for Export—Commercially Harvested Macropods 2023–27.

Definitions

In this document:

- ‘macropod’ means kangaroos and wallabies as declared by the chief executive
- ‘harvester’ means a holder of a harvesting licence for macropods

How are macropods moved?

Once a harvester has taken a macropod, they can move it to:

- their licensed premises
- the licensed premises of a Queensland dealer licence for sale
- another place for storage, if there is a written alternative storage approval from the departments Charleville office

A harvester, may move a macropod skin or carcass from the place where it was taken to an authorised buyer.

If the holder engages a commercial carrier to move the macropod to the authorised buyer, a movement advice form must be completed before the activity takes place. Movement advice forms may be obtained from the departments offices.

A separate movement advice form must be completed for each consignment of macropods, or macropod products, moved within or exported from Queensland.

The legislation requires that harvesters sell all macropods to a dealer licensee in Queensland. A movement advice form is required by a dealer wishing to move macropods within, into or out of Queensland, if the macropods are not processed products (see below).

How are movement advice forms used?

A harvester who transports macropods using a movement advice form must:

- accurately and legibly complete the movement advice
- send part one of the movement advice to the departments Charleville office within seven days of moving the macropods

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- send parts two and three of the movement advice with the macropods being moved
- retain part four of the movement advice as a record of the movement.

A person receiving macropods from a harvester must:

- retain part two of the movement advice as a record of the movement
- complete the details in part three of the movement advice and forward it to the DES Charleville office within seven days of receiving the macropods.

How can processed products be moved?

The movement of 'processed products' does not require a movement advice form. Processed products are defined in schedule one (processed products) of the Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2017.

Skins and meat from kangaroos legally harvested in Queensland become processed products when they are processed at a licensed tannery or meat processor licenced by the department.

Skins and meat moved into Queensland are considered processed products if they have been processed legally in the state they came from and have been legally moved into Queensland.

The claws, paws, penis, scrotum, bones, ligaments, tendons, tail meat and tail skin of a macropod become processed products when they are removed from the harvested animal. These items may be traded immediately without further authority under the legislation, provided they have been packed under a macropod meat processing licence, and are in a sealed container with a prescribed processor label attached to it. They can also be traded if they have been packed by the holder of a harvesting licence for macropods, who took the macropod under the licence, and are in a sealed container with a prescribed harvester label attached to it.

How can skins and carcasses be stored?

If harvesters do not move macropods directly to a dealer on the day they are harvested, they may store them at their licensed premises or on the property where they are harvesting, as long as they are still present on the property. However, if a harvester intends leaving dead macropods (salted or chilled skins, or chilled carcasses) at the property, or any location other than their licensed premises, they must first obtain written permission from the departments Charleville office. This permission is subject to the landholder's consent and to local government laws, where applicable.

Permission may be granted for more than one harvester to store skins or carcasses at the same location providing ownership of the macropods can be clearly identified by department officers (i.e. carcasses or skins owned by each harvester are clearly separated or stored in individual storage units). Harvesters cannot store macropods at a dealer's premises.

A harvester does not need special permission from the department to use a personal mobile chiller. Harvesters should contact Safe Food Queensland regarding the food safety and accreditation requirements for storage and transportation of game meat carcasses in personal use chillers.

Note: This document is provided for guidance only. It is not intended to be a substitute for the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, its regulations or the Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2017.

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