

# Storage and Movement of Commercially Harvested Macropods

**This information sheet relates specifically to the storage and movement of kangaroo products in Queensland.**

## Overview

Commercial harvesting of macropods in Queensland is regulated under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* and subordinate legislation: the Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2006, the Nature Conservation (Wildlife Management) Regulation 2006, and the Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2005.

Holders of commercial wildlife 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 and Resource Management (DERM) to effectively monitor the harvest and trade of macropods taken under the Queensland Wildlife Trade Management Plan for Export (Commercially Harvested Macropods) 2008–12.

## Definitions

In this document:

- 'macropod' means kangaroos and wallabies as declared by the chief executive
- 'harvester' means a holder of a commercial wildlife harvesting licence for macropods
- 'relevant person' means an employee or agent of the harvester if the employee or agent is acting under the direction of the harvester.

## How are macropods moved?

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

- their licensed premises
- the site of a Queensland commercial wildlife licensee (dealer) for sale
- another place for storage, if there is a written alternative storage approval from the DERM Charleville office.

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

A person who normally lives with the holder may also move the skin or carcass; however, in these instances, the harvester must have recorded the particulars of the macropods in their record and return book first.

If the holder, relevant person, or person who normally lives with 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 any DERM office.

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 commercial wildlife licensee (dealer) 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 DERM Charleville office within seven days of moving the macropods
- 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 DERM 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 2005.

Skins and meat from kangaroos legally harvested in Queensland become processed products when they are processed at a licensed commercial tannery or premises registered under the *Food Production (Safety) Act 2000*. 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 commercial wildlife 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 DERM 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 DERM 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 DERM 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 2005.

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