



TRANSPORTED STOCK STATEMENT (TSS)

What is a Transported Stock Statement (TSS)?

A Transported Stock Statement, or TSS, is required in NSW whenever cattle, sheep, goats, horses or some non-indigenous animals (commonly known as Bison, Buffalo, Camel, Blackbuck, Banteng or Guanaco) are to be transported by a vehicle, whether it be by road, rail, water or air.

Transportation of livestock is covered by the *Local Land Services Act 2013* which requires livestock to be accompanied by a TSS or an approved form of TSS.

When is a TSS NOT required?

A TSS is not required in the following circumstances:

- when stock are transported into New South Wales from another state or from the Australian Capital Territory, and transported within New South Wales for up to 30 kilometres before returning to that other state or territory as part of an unbroken journey;
- when stock are transported across or along a road from one part of a holding to another part that would be contiguous with the first-mentioned part but for being separated by the road;
- when stock are transported to or from a place for treatment by a veterinary surgeon;
- when horses are being transported to or from any agricultural show, exhibition, gymkhana, pony club meeting or similar function;
- when racehorses, harness racing horses or working horses are being transported from one place to another;
- when stock are transported in any other circumstances prescribed by the regulations;
- when stock are transported under the provisions of a stock permit issued under Section 78 of the *Local Land Services Act 2013*, or an order or permit issued under the *Stock Diseases Act 1923*.

Can I use a post-sale summary, exhibitor entry form or stock permit as a TSS?

No. The post-sale summary, exhibitor entry form and stock permit are not approved forms of a TSS. These forms meet **livestock identification requirements** (*Stock Diseases Regulation 2009* which requires stock to be properly identified and movements of stock recorded in the National

Livestock Identification System (NLIS) database), but do not meet **transportation of livestock requirements** (*Local Land Services Act 2013*).

Can I use an NVD Waybill as a TSS?

Yes. The Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) NVD and Waybill is approved as a TSS in NSW. This means that NVDs can accompany livestock to sale and slaughter, as well as be used as a TSS or Waybill when stock move to another property.

The LPA NVD can't be used as a TSS when transporting livestock from a saleyard to another saleyard or property. In this case a TSS must be obtained from Local Land Services or the carrier must use their own consignment note which has been approved as a TSS.

Can I use a TSS as an NVD Waybill?

No. The NVD Waybill includes additional information relating to the livestock (identification and food safety requirements) which isn't included on the TSS.

Who needs to complete a TSS?

The TSS is in two parts.

Part 1 of a TSS should be completed by the owner of the stock. The 'owner of the stock' includes:

- an employee of the owner of the stock;
- a person other than the owner of the stock who is responsible for the stock (for example, a carrier);
- an employee of a person referred to in paragraph b.

Part 2 must be completed by the driver of the vehicle.

How many copies of the TSS are needed?

If the person who fills out Part 1 of the TSS is not the carrier of the stock, two copies of the form are needed. The original must be given to the carrier.

If the carrier completes Part 1 of the form, then only the original is required.



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When must the different parts of the TSS be completed?

Part 1 of the TSS should be completed by the owner or person in charge of the stock prior to the commencement of the journey at the consignment property.

The carrier must complete Part 2 of the form while the stock are being transported.

How long must I keep completed copies of a TSS?

At least two years.

What legislation relates to a TSS?

- Part 9 of the *Local Land Services Act 2013* and Part 8 of the *Local Land Services Regulation 2014*

Who enforces the TSS system?

- Police Officers
- Authorised Officers (authorised to exercise functions conferred on them under Part 9 of the *Local Land Services Act 2013*).

What powers do authorised officers have?

On reasonable grounds, an authorised officer:

- May stop and search a vehicle;
- May also give reasonable directions to any person in or on the vehicle, or in the vicinity of a vehicle which they believe is being used to transport stock.

What happens if I don't use a TSS in accordance with the Act?

You may be prosecuted and a penalty of up to \$2200 issued.

How do I know if a stock transporter's consignment note is approved as a TSS?

The consignment note will have a TSS logo printed in the top left-hand corner of the document.



Only those consignment notes approved by the Stock Transportation Accreditation Committee (STAC) carry this logo.

How can I get a TSS?

Generic TSS books are available from Local Land Services offices.

A **Commercial TSS** can be applied for via the LBCA. This requires an application form to be completed and an

assessment carried out by the STAC to ensure all the requirements are met. Once approved, customised consignment booklets can be printed using the approved TSS logo and TSS number.

How much does a Commercial TSS cost?

LBCA Members \$110 Non-Members \$220
(This covers the application and approval fee)

What must be included on a TSS?

Details of the Owner / Consignor:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Name of ownerAddress of ownerAddress where stock loadedDate loadedName of consignorAddress of consignor
Details of Consigned Stock:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">TypeSexTail Tag/Ear Tag NosEar MarksBrandsNumber
Details of Consignee:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NameAddress of consigneeDelivery address
Details of Driver:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NameContact Number
Details of Vehicle:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Registration NumberStart KMs (optional)Finish KMs (optional)

Where do I find more information?

For more information on commercial TSS visit the LBCA website: www.lbca.org.au/useful_info/TSS

For more information on transporting livestock into and within NSW, visit the NSW DPI website:

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au>