



**Australian Government**

**Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service**

### Potential melamine residues from adulterated feed ingredients

The Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) is an operating group within the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. AQIS is responsible for the inspection and certification of prescribed goods, including meat and meat products, for export.

AQIS is able to provide the following information regarding the detection of melamine residues in livestock feed within the United States.

*Melamine is not registered in Australia as a feed additive.*

*The Stockfeed Manufacturers' Council of Australia has alerted members of the potential for feed ingredients sourced from China to be adulterated with melamine and the need to address melamine adulteration in their risk management protocols, particularly for those ingredients for which minimum protein contents are specified. AQIS has been advised that rice protein concentrate and wheat gluten imported from China are not used as ingredients in Australia for manufactured feed for pigs, sheep and cattle.*

*Feeding of pet food intended for cats and dogs to cattle and sheep is prohibited in Australia as part of the ruminant feed ban which prevents the feeding of restricted animal feeds to cattle, sheep, goats, deer and other ruminants.*