

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

AGRICULTURE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2025

Subordinate Legislation No. 4 of 2025

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Agriculture Legislation Amendment Regulations 2025

I, Hugh Crosby Heggie, Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Hemp Industry Act 2019*, the *Livestock Act 2008*, the *Pastoral Land Act 1992* and the *Plant Health Act 2008*.

Responsible Minister:

G. P. MALEY
Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries

H. C. HEGGIE
Administrator

Date of making: 22 May 2025

Part 1 Preliminary matters

1 Title

These Regulations may be cited as the *Agriculture Legislation Amendment Regulations 2025*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the day after the day on which they are made.

Part 2 Amendment of Hemp Industry Regulations 2020

3 Regulations amended

This Part amends the *Hemp Industry Regulations 2020*.

4 Regulation 3 amended (Definitions)

Regulation 3

insert

corresponding law means one of the following laws or an instrument made under one of the following laws:

- (a) *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* (Cth);
- (b) *Drugs Misuse Act 1986* (Qld);
- (c) *Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981* (Vic);
- (d) *Hemp Fibre Industry Facilitation Act 2004* (ACT);
- (e) *Hemp Industry Act 2008* (NSW);
- (f) *Industrial Hemp Act 2004* (WA);
- (g) *Industrial Hemp Act 2015* (Tas);
- (h) *Industrial Hemp Act 2017* (SA);
- (i) *Narcotic Drugs Act 1967* (Cth).

denatured, for hemp seed, means that the seed will not grow because it has been cracked, de-hulled, heated or treated in another way that prevents growth.

5 Regulation 12 amended (Cultivating hemp generally)

Regulation 12(3)

omit

6 Regulation 15 amended (Commercial conditions)

Regulation 15

omit

19

insert

18

7 Regulation 17 amended (Commercial supply)

(1) Regulation 17(1)

omit (all references)

hulled

insert

denatured

(2) Regulation 17(2)

omit, insert

(2) A licensee may supply hemp seed that is viable for propagation to any of the following persons if the parent crop of the hemp seed has a THC concentration in the leaves and flowering heads of not more than 0.5%:

(a) another licensee;

(b) a person who is authorised by a licence under a corresponding law to possess or import the hemp seed.

8 Regulation 18 amended (Commercial production)

After regulation 18(3)

insert

- (4) A commercial licence is not subject to a condition in subregulation (1), (2) or (3) to the extent that the licensed person is authorised to carry out an activity mentioned in those subregulations under a medicinal cannabis licence and one or more medicinal cannabis permits under the *Narcotic Drugs Act 1967* (Cth).

Part 3 Amendment of Livestock Regulations 2009**9 Regulations amended**

This Part amends the *Livestock Regulations 2009*.

10 Regulation 3 amended (Definitions)

- (1) Regulation 3, definition ***swill***

omit

- (2) Regulation 3

insert

prohibited pig feed, see regulation 70.

regulated livestock, for Part 2, Division 6, see regulation 40A

11 Regulation 16 amended (Size of symbol brand)

- (1) Regulation 16, heading

omit

Size

insert

Construction and size

- (2) Regulation 16, after the heading

insert

- (1) A symbol brand must be constructed on 1 handle.

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- (3) Regulation 16, before "A"

insert

(2)

12 Regulation 37 amended (Approved devices to be attached to livestock)

- (1) Regulation 37, heading

omit

to be attached to livestock

- (2) Regulation 37(1), (2), (3)(a) and (4)(a)

omit

attached to

insert

attached or applied to, or used on,

13 Regulation 39 replaced

Regulation 39

repeal, insert

39 Attachment, application and use of approved device

- (1) An approved device must not be applied or attached to, or used on, a head of livestock unless the person attaching, applying or using the device:

(a) is the owner of the livestock; or

(b) has authorisation from an inspector to attach, apply or use the device in relation to the livestock.

- (2) An approved device must be attached or applied to, or used on, livestock in accordance with the approval for the device.

- (3) A person commits an offence of strict liability if the person contravenes subregulation (1) or (2).

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (4) An approved device must only be applied or attached to, or used on, a head of livestock at a place that is the registered property for the PIC displayed on the device.
- (5) A person commits an offence if:
 - (a) the person intentionally attaches, applies or uses an approved device to or on a head of livestock; and
 - (b) the PIC displayed on the device is not the PIC for the place at which the person attaches, applies or uses the device and the person is reckless in relation to that circumstance.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

14 Part 2, Divisions 6 to 8 replaced

Part 2, Divisions 6 to 8

repeal, insert

Division 6 Identification of cattle, buffalo, sheep and goats

40A Application of Division

This Division applies in relation to the following livestock (***regulated livestock***):

- (a) cattle;
- (b) buffalo;
- (c) sheep;
- (d) goats.

41 Identification before movement

- (1) The owner of regulated livestock must, before moving them from one property (the ***property of origin***) to another property, ensure a permanent identification device is attached or applied to, or used on, each head of regulated livestock.
- (2) The Registrar may authorise the movement of regulated livestock without permanent identification devices if the Registrar considers it reasonable in the circumstances to do so.

- (3) A person commits an offence if the person:
- (a) is the owner of a property of origin; and
 - (b) regulated livestock are moved from the property of origin to another property; and
 - (c) a permanent identification device is not attached or applied to, or used on, one or more of the regulated livestock and the person is reckless in relation to that circumstance; and
 - (d) the Registrar has not authorised the movement under subregulation (2).

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (4) Strict liability applies to subregulation (3)(a), (b) and (d).

42 Reporting requirements for owner of property of destination

- (1) This regulation applies to the owner of a property (the **property of destination**) to which regulated livestock with permanent identification devices attached have been moved from another property (the **property of origin**).

Note for subregulation (1)

The owner of a property includes the person who manages or has control of the property.

- (2) The owner of the property of destination must ensure the following information is entered on the NLIS database within 48 hours after the movement is completed:
- (a) ID data;
 - (b) the date on which the movement from the property of origin began.
- (3) If the property of destination is an abattoir, the owner of the abattoir must ensure the following information is entered on the NLIS database:
- (a) if the regulated livestock were slaughtered, within 48 hours of the slaughter:
 - (i) ID data; and
 - (ii) the date on which the livestock were slaughtered;

- (b) if the regulated livestock were moved to another property, within 48 hours after the livestock were moved from the abattoir:
 - (i) ID data; and
 - (ii) the date on which the livestock were moved from the abattoir.
- (4) If the property of destination is a saleyard, the owner of the saleyard must ensure the following information is entered on the NLIS database within 48 hours after the regulated livestock were moved from the saleyard:
 - (a) ID data;
 - (b) the PIC registered for the property to which the livestock were moved;
 - (c) the date on which the livestock were moved from the saleyard.
- (5) If the property of destination is a registered premises, the owner of the registered premises must ensure the following information is entered on the NLIS database:
 - (a) if the regulated livestock were exported, within 48 hours of the export:
 - (i) ID data; and
 - (ii) the NLIS database destination code for export; and
 - (iii) the date on which the livestock were exported from Australia;
 - (b) if the regulated livestock were moved to another property, within 48 hours after the livestock were moved from the registered premises:
 - (i) ID data; and
 - (ii) the PIC registered for the property to which the livestock were moved; and
 - (iii) the date on which the livestock were moved from the registered premises.
- (6) A person commits an offence of strict liability if the person:
 - (a) is required to enter information on the NLIS database under this regulation; and

(b) fails to do so.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

(7) In this regulation:

ID data means the following:

- (a) the identification particulars of each permanent identification device attached or applied to, or used on, the regulated livestock;
- (b) the PIC registered for the property of origin;
- (c) the PIC registered for the property of destination.

NLIS means the National Livestock Identification System agreed to by the Commonwealth, States and Territories under a resolution of the Primary Industries Ministerial Council of 2 October 2003.

registered premises, see section 2.01 of the *Export Control (Animals) Order 2004* (Cth).

43 No subsequent attachment of permanent identification device

A person commits an offence if the person:

- (a) intentionally attaches, applies or uses a permanent identification device to or on regulated livestock; and
- (b) the device has previously been attached or applied to, or used on, another animal and the person is reckless in relation to that circumstance.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

44 No removal of approved device

(1) An approved device must not be removed from regulated livestock unless:

- (a) an inspector has authorised the removal; or
- (b) the device is malfunctioning and is immediately replaced by another device.

(2) A person commits an offence if:

- (a) the person intentionally removes an approved device from regulated livestock; and

(b) the removal is not permitted under subregulation (1).

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

(3) Strict liability applies to subregulation (2)(b).

15 Regulation 51 amended (Registration of beehives)

(1) After regulation 51(2)

insert

(2A) The Registrar may approve a registration subject to the conditions the Registrar considers appropriate and that are specified in the registration.

(2) Regulation 51(3), after "offence"

insert

of strict liability

(3) Regulation 51(3), penalty provision

omit

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insert

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(3) Regulation 51(4)

omit, insert

(4) The owner of a registered beehive commits an offence of strict liability if the owner fails to comply with a condition of the registration.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

16 Regulations 51AA, 51AB and 51AC inserted

After regulation 51

insert

51AA Biosecurity and disease management course

- (1) This regulation applies in relation to:
 - (a) the registration of a beehive that is approved after the commencement of this regulation; and
 - (b) the first renewal of the registration of a beehive:
 - (i) if the original registration of the beehive was approved before the commencement of this regulation; and
 - (ii) the renewal is approved after the commencement of this regulation.
- (2) The owner of the registered beehive must successfully complete a course approved by the Registrar in relation to bee biosecurity and disease management within the 6 month period following the approval of the registration or renewal of registration, as the case may be.
- (3) The owner of a registered beehive commits an offence of strict liability if the owner fails to comply with subregulation (2).

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

51AB Provision of water source

- (1) The owner of a registered beehive must ensure the beehive is placed no more than 200 m from a source of water that is suitable to sustain bees.
- (2) The owner of a registered beehive commits an offence of strict liability if the owner fails to comply with subregulation (1).

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

51AC Record keeping

- (1) The Registrar may determine the records the owner of a registered beehive must keep in relation to the beehive.
- (2) A determination under subregulation (1) must be published on the Agency's website.

- (3) The owner of a registered beehive commits an offence of strict liability if the owner fails to keep a record required under a determination under subregulation (1).

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

17 Regulation 51A amended (Issue of registration number and marking of hives)

Regulation 51A(4), penalty provision

omit

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insert

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18 Regulation 51C amended (Notice of change of details)

Regulation 51C(2), penalty provision

omit

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insert

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19 Regulation 51D amended (Transfer of ownership of beehive)

Regulation 51D(2), penalty provision

omit

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insert

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20 Regulation 51DA inserted

After regulation 51D, in Part 2, Division 9

insert

51DA Cancellation of registration

- (1) The Registrar may cancel the registration of one or more registered beehives if the owner of the beehive or beehives is found guilty of an offence against the Act or these Regulations.
- (2) The Registrar must give written notice of the cancellation to the registered owner and the cancellation takes effect from the day specified in the notice.

21 Regulation 57 amended (Obligations of person taking delivery)

Regulation 57(2)(a)

omit

7 years

insert

3 years

22 Part 4, Division 2 heading replaced

Part 4, Division 2 heading

repeal, insert

Division 2 Prohibited pig feed**23 Regulations 70, 71 and 72 replaced**

Regulations 70, 71 and 72

repeal, insert

70 Meaning of *prohibited pig feed*

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2), ***prohibited pig feed*** is:
 - (a) material that contains or may contain the following:
 - (i) mammalian material;
 - (ii) material originating from poultry (***poultry material***); and

- (b) material that has been or may have been in contact with mammalian material or poultry material.
- (2) Prohibited pig feed does not include the following:
- (a) mammalian material or poultry material that is:
 - (i) rendered in accordance with the Australian Standard for the Hygienic Rendering of Animal Products AS 5008:2001, as in force from time to time; or
 - (ii) derived from a commercial product that has been cooked to an internal temperature of 100° C for a minimum of 30 minutes; or
 - (iii) cooking oil or fat that has been treated in accordance with the National Standard for Recycling of Used Cooking Fats and Oils Intended for Animal Feeds approved by the Primary Industries Ministerial Council in July 2008, as in force from time to time; or
 - (iv) treated using a process that is approved in writing by the Chief Inspector; or
 - (v) used for the purpose of pest control of feral pigs:
 - (A) in a poisoned bait; or
 - (B) as a preliminary to baiting a feral pig;
 - (b) milk, milk products or milk by-products of Australian origin or legally imported into Australia for consumption by animals.

71 Offences related to prohibited pig feed

- (1) A person commits an offence if:
- (a) the person intentionally feeds foodstuff to pigs; and
 - (b) the foodstuff contains prohibited pig feed and the person is reckless in relation to that circumstance.

Maximum penalty: 200 penalty units.

(2) A person commits an offence if:

- (a) the person owns pigs; and
- (b) the pigs have access to prohibited pig feed and the person is reckless in relation to that circumstance.

Maximum penalty: 200 penalty units.

72 No supply of prohibited pig feed

A person commits an offence if:

- (a) the person intentionally supplies foodstuff to another person; and
- (b) the foodstuff consists entirely or partly of prohibited pig feed and the person is reckless in relation to that circumstance; and
- (c) the other person intends to feed the foodstuff to pigs and the person is reckless in relation to that circumstance.

Maximum penalty: 200 penalty units.

24 Regulation 73 amended (Orders relating to food scraps)

(1) Regulation 73(1)(a)

omit

swill

insert

prohibited pig feed

(2) Regulation 73(2), after "not"

insert

intentionally

(3) Regulation 73(2), fault element statement

omit

25 Regulation 82A amended (Definitions)

- (1) Regulation 82A, definitions ***category 1 provision*** and ***category 2 provision***

omit, insert

category 1 provision means standard number: SA1.2, SA3.1, SA4.1, SA4.3, SA4.4, SA4.5, SA5.1, SA5.3, SA5.6, SA5.9, SA5.10, SA5.11, SA5.12, SA5.13, SA5.14, SA5.15, SA5.16, SA5.17, SA6.1, SA6.2, SB2.1, SB2.2, SB2.6, SB3.1, SB3.2, SB4.1, SB4.2, SB7.1, SB7.2, SB8.1, SB8.2, SB9.1, SB9.2, SB10.1, SB10.2, SB10.3, SB10.5, SB10.9, SB10.10, SB11.1, SB11.2.

category 2 provision means standard number: SA5.7, SA5.8, SA6.4, SA6.5, SA6.6, SB2.3, SB2.4, SB2.5, SB3.3, SB3.4, SB3.5, SB3.6, SB3.7, SB3.8, SB3.9, SB4.3, SB7.3, SB8.3, SB8.4, SB8.5, SB8.6, SB8.7, SB8.10, SB8.11, SB8.12, SB8.13, SB9.3, SB9.4, SB10.4, SB10.6, SB10.7.

- (2) Regulation 82A, definition ***Land Transport Standard***

omit

Standards and Guidelines for the Welfare of Animals

insert

Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines

- (3) Regulation 82A, definition ***Land Transport Standard***

omit

Ministerial Council in May 2009 as amended

insert

Standing Committee in September 2012, as in force

26 Regulation 82C amended (Offences relating to Land Transport Standard)

Regulations 82C(1) and (2), penalty provisions

omit, insert

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

27 Regulation 88 amended (Infringement offence and prescribed amount payable)

- (1) Regulation 88(1)

omit

5, column 1.

insert

5.

- (2) Regulation 88(2)

omit, insert

- (2) The prescribed amount for an infringement offence is the amount equal to the monetary value of the number of penalty units specified for the offence in Schedule 5.

28 Regulation 94 amended (Registrar's decisions)

- (1) Regulation 94(da)

omit

regulation 41(4)

insert

regulation 41(2)

- (2) Regulation 94(db) and (dc)

omit

29 Regulation 96 amended (Inspector's decisions)

Regulation 96(b) and (c)

omit, insert

- (b) a refusal under regulation 44(1)(a) to give an authorisation for the removal of an approved device from a head of regulated livestock;

30 Part 9 inserted

After regulation 97

insert

**Part 9 Transitional matters for Agriculture Legislation
Amendment Regulations 2025****98 Definitions**

In this Part:

amending regulations means the *Agriculture Legislation Amendment Regulations 2025*.

commencement means the day on which regulation 9 of the amending regulations commences.

99 Brands

Regulation 16(1), as in force after the commencement, does not apply in relation to a symbol brand that was registered before the commencement of regulation 11 of the amending regulations.

100 Reviewable decisions

Despite the amendments to regulations 94 and 96 made by regulations 28 and 29 of the amending regulations, regulations 94 and 96, as in force immediately before the commencement, continue to apply in relation to a decision that was, immediately before the commencement, a reviewable decision if the decision was made before the commencement.

31 Schedules 2, 3, 4 and 5 replaced

Schedules 2, 3, 4 and 5

*repeal, insert***Schedule 2 Positions of brands**

regulation 18(2)

Item	Brand position
1	off shoulder
2	off rump, hip or thigh
3	near shoulder
4	near rump, hip or thigh

Schedule 3 Identifiable livestock

regulation 30

Item	Identifiable livestock
1	alpacas
2	buffalo
3	camels
4	cattle
5	crocodiles
6	deer
7	goats
8	horses
9	llamas
10	pigs

11	poultry
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12	sheep
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Schedule 4 Prescribed imported livestock and prescribed travelling livestock

regulations 52 and 53

Part A

Item	Prescribed imported livestock
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1	alpacas
2	buffalo
3	camels
4	cattle
5	deer
6	goats
7	honey bees
8	horses
9	llamas
10	pigeons
11	pigs
12	poultry
13	sheep

Part B

Item	Prescribed travelling livestock
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1	alpacas
2	buffalo

3	camels
4	cattle
5	deer
6	goats
7	llamas
8	pigs
9	sheep

Schedule 5 Infringement offences and prescribed amounts

regulation 88

	Provision	Prescribed amount in penalty units
<i>Livestock Act 2008</i>		
1	section 16C(4)	3
2	sections 16G(2), 16H(2), 17(4) and 20(2)	10
3	section 41	20
4	section 45	25
5	section 48(3)	20
6	sections 53(4) and 56(3) and (4)	25
7	sections 61(1) and (2), 97(2), 100(4), 104(5) and 107(3)	10
8	section 128(1) and (2)	5
<i>Livestock Regulations 2009</i>		
9	regulations 12(1) and 13(2)	2
10	regulations 17 and 18(3)	5

11	regulation 21(1)	10
12	regulations 24, 26, 27 and 28(1) and (2)	5
13	regulation 29(1) and (2)	10
14	regulations 32(1), 34(2) and 35(2)	2
15	regulations 36, 38, 39(3) and (5), 40, 41(3), and 42(6)	5
16	regulation 43	3
17	regulation 44(2)	5
18	regulations 51(3) and (4), 51AA(3), 51AB(2) and 51AC(3)	3
19	regulations 51A(4), 51C(2) and 54(3)	5
20	regulation 55(1)	10
21	regulations 55(2), 56(1), 57(2) and 71(2)	5
22	regulation 73(2)	10
23	regulation 82C(1) or (2)	5

Part 4 Amendment of Pastoral Land Regulations 1992

32 Regulations amended

This Part amends the *Pastoral Land Regulations 1992*.

33 Regulation 31 amended (Prescribed purposes under section 68(5) of the Act)

After regulation 31(bb)

insert

(bc) establishing, housing and operating satellite communications, geoscience, geophysical, geospatial or meteorological equipment and associated infrastructure;

Part 5 Amendment of Plant Health Regulations 2011

34 Regulations amended

This Part amends the *Plant Health Regulations 2011*.

35 Regulation 7 amended (Ants in potting mix)

After regulation 7(2)(b)(ii)

insert

- (iii) the plant has undergone an approved treatment for the pests; or

36 Regulation 7A amended (Ants in turf)

After regulation 7A(2)(a)

insert

- (ab) a government certificate or interstate assurance certificate certifies that the turf has undergone an approved treatment for the pests; or

37 Regulation 9 amended (Fruit flies – introduction of fruits of declared host plants into accredited production places)

Regulation 9(1), items 2 to 5

omit, insert

2	<i>Bactrocera musae</i> (Tryon)	banana fruit fly
3	<i>Bactrocera tryoni</i> (Froggatt)	Queensland fruit fly
4	<i>Ceratitis capitata</i> (Wiedemann)	Mediterranean fruit fly
5	<i>Zeugodacus cucumis</i> (French)	cucumber fly

38 Regulation 12 amended (Soil borne pests and snails – plants generally)

(1) Regulation 12(2)(b)

omit, insert

- (b) the plant is completely free of soil and accompanied by:

(i) a government certificate or interstate assurance certificate that certifies the matters required under subregulation (4); or

(ii) an interstate assurance certificate that certifies the plant was grown and packed under the related scheme.

(2) Regulation 12(3)(c)

omit, insert

(c) the plant is accompanied by:

(i) a government certificate or interstate assurance certificate that certifies the matters required under subregulation (4); or

(ii) an interstate assurance certificate that certifies the plant was grown and packed under the related scheme.

(3) Regulation 12(4)

omit

(2)(b) and (3)(c)

insert

(2)(b)(i) and (3)(c)(i)

(4) Regulation 12(4)(ba)

omit

item 4

insert

item 2

(5) Regulation 12(5)

omit

39 Regulation 17 amended (Grape plants)

Regulation 17(2)

omit

40 Regulation 22 amended (Potato)

(1) After regulation 22(2)

insert

(2A) Subregulation (2) does not apply in relation to a plant that consists of or includes seed potatoes if the plant was grown in an area where an area freedom certificate for the declared pests is in force.

(2) After regulation 22(3)

insert

(3A) Subregulation (3) does not apply in relation to a plant that consists of or includes ware potatoes if the plant was grown in an area where an area freedom certificate for the declared pests is in force.

Part 6 Repeal of Regulations

41 Repeal of Regulations

These Regulations are repealed on the day after they commence.