

## GENERAL CIRCULAR

This general circular contains important information from the NSW Food Authority for all game meat field harvesters.

Please take the time to read this information.

If you have any queries, please contact

NSW Food Authority Helpline on 1300 552 406.

## General Circular 04/2012

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**To:** All game meat field harvesters  
**Subject:** Game meat field harvester vehicle audit program changes

### Action required

Game meat field harvesters need to present their harvesting vehicle for Authority audits at least once every two years.

### Background

Game meat field harvesters were advised of the implementation of food safety programs and auditing of field harvester vehicles from 1 June 2010 in General Circular 02/2010. Following a review of the program, the NSW Food Authority (the Authority) will be making changes to address operational inefficiencies, and to provide game meat field harvesters with more certainty as to when the program will operate each year.

### Audit program changes

The Authority will conduct a set annual audit program for game meat harvesters in October/November of each year.

All licensees will be notified of when and where Authority officers will be conducting audits and can choose the audit location that suits them best.

Licensees are responsible for ensuring that their vehicles are audited at least once every two years, and will no longer be contacted by field officers on an individual basis to receive an audit.

If attending the set locations causes unreasonable hardship, harvesters can apply in writing to the Manager – Audit and Compliance, PO Box 6682, Silverwater NSW 1811, or to the email address below, outlining the problem, and requesting an alternative audit arrangement.

The Authority will review audit records periodically to identify licensees that have not presented their vehicles within two years of the previous audit date. These licensees will be advised by letter to attend a limited, specified location audit program, or present their vehicle at an Authority office, providing one final opportunity to have their vehicle audited. This audit will be fully cost recovered as previously advised in General Circular 02/2010. Licensees who fail to present their vehicle will not have their licence renewed and may be subject to additional enforcement action.

### Enquiries

Please direct any enquiries to:

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