

# NAIT Accreditation Standards Consultation Response

## Introduction

In April 2026, OSPRI undertook targeted and public consultation on the proposed re-written NAIT Standard – Accreditation of Entities Dealing with NAIT Animals and NAIT Standard – Accreditation of Information Providers as part of the redesign of the NAIT accreditation programme. The proposed changes were intended to make the programme more practical, sustainable, and proportionate for applicants, while continuing to support high-quality traceability data and system integrity.

## Consultation Process

Targeted consultation was undertaken with OSPRI regional committees, technical resource groups, and currently accredited entities before the proposals were released for a two-week period of public consultation. The consultation materials explained the proposed changes to the accreditation model, including the removal of external pre-accreditation audits, the introduction of an evidence-based application process, and a stronger monitoring programme focused on ongoing performance.

## Summary of Feedback Received

A total of four submissions were received. However one submission was made on behalf of a number of meat processing entities. Overall, submitters expressed broad support for the proposed standards and the refreshed accreditation model. No material issues were raised that required substantive amendment to the proposed standards.

## Response to Submissions

The feedback received has been carefully considered. While no substantive changes to the proposed standards were necessary, a small number of clauses were updated or reworded to improve clarity. In addition, the supporting assessment policies were refined to provide clearer guidance on the application of specific clauses and to distinguish between matters that must be evidenced at the point of application and those that will be monitored over time. These documents will be issued as part of the accreditation application pack. This approach is consistent with the redesigned accreditation model.

## Outcome

The consultation process confirmed support for publishing the re-written accreditation standards. The proposed standards have now been approved by the OSPRI Board for publication. OSPRI will proceed with gazetting and publishing the standards, alongside finalisation of the related assessment policies and supporting application materials. This work will be completed by July 2026.