



Animal Products (Export Requirement: Inspection Agencies Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection - post mortem examination trial protocols) Notice 2010

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999, I, Tony Zohrab, Acting Director (Standards) issue the following notice to facilitate access to overseas markets and safeguard assurances provided by New Zealand:

Signed at Wellington this 29th day of October 2010

[signed]

Tony Zohrab

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New Zealand Food Safety Authority

(Acting under delegated authority)

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Notice

1 Title

This notice is the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Inspection Agencies Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection - post mortem examination trial protocols) Notice 2010.

2 Commencement

This notice comes into force on 8 November 2010.

Part 1 Preliminary Provisions

3 Application

- (1) Operators carrying out slaughter operations intended to be eligible for countries requiring official inspection as listed in Schedule 1 of the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Inspection Agencies Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection) Notice 2009.
- (2) Animal product operators operating in compliance with Meat Manual 16 as stipulated in OMAR 01/183 – Overseas Market Access Requirements for Animal Product Produced From Operations Covered By a Registered Risk Management Programme

4 Interpretation

- (1) In this notice, unless the context otherwise requires—

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999

inspection is a set of procedures and judgements specified by NZFSA to determine whether product or by-product is fit for intended purpose and includes associated tasks

inspection agency means a agency approved by NZFSA to be responsible for official ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection of animal products and animal material (including associated tasks) for export to countries requiring an official inspection

NZFSA means the New Zealand Food Safety Authority

post-mortem examiner has the same meaning as in the Animal Products (Ante-mortem and Post-mortem Examination of Mammals, Ostriches and Emu Intended for Human Consumption) Notice 2006

post-mortem inspector means an official assessor appointed under section 79 of the Act to perform post-mortem inspection of animal material and animal products including the relevant tasks set out in schedule 2 of this notice.

- (2) Any words or expressions used but not defined in this notice have the meaning given to them in or under the Act.

Part 2

Approval of post mortem inspection trial protocols

5 Director General approval

- (1) the Director General may approve, by notice under this clause, post-mortem inspection trials which vary from one or more of the requirements of Meat Manual 16 and the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Inspection Agencies Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection) Notice 2009.
- (2) Variation from the requirements noted in sub-clause (1) may include post mortem examiners carrying out specified post-mortem examination procedures normally required to be performed by a post-mortem inspector.
- (3) Nothing in this notice permits post-mortem inspection trials to be conducted in contravention of the Animal Products (Ante-mortem and Post-mortem Examination of Mammals, Ostriches and Emu Intended for Human Consumption) Notice 2006.
- (4) In approving a trial protocol where a competency provision is included in the trial, such approval is deemed an alternative qualification under paragraph 1(1)(f) of Schedule 3 of the Animal Products (Specifications for Products Intended for Human Consumption) Notice 2004.

6 Animal product operators to apply for approval of trials

The Director General may initiate a post-mortem inspection trial, or a trial may be approved subject to an operator's written application. If an operator submits an application for a post-mortem inspection trial it must contain sufficient detail to assure the Director General there is no contravention of the Animal Products (Ante-mortem and Post-mortem Examination of Mammals, Ostriches and Emu Intended for Human Consumption) Notice 2006, or the Animal Products (Specifications for Products Intended for Human Consumption) Notice 2004, as amended.

7 Export market eligibility

Export market eligibility of animal product and animal material is not limited in any way if it has been assessed as fit for purpose in accordance with this notice, and related post-mortem inspection requirements.

8 Non-compliance

- (1) In cases of significant operator non-compliance in relation to a trial the recognised agency verifier may temporarily suspend the trial protocol pending the completion of agreed corrective actions. Before suspending the trial protocol the verifier must consult with the recognised agency technical manager on the necessity to suspend the trial and the corrective actions required.

Issued under section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999.

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This notice is administered in the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.
